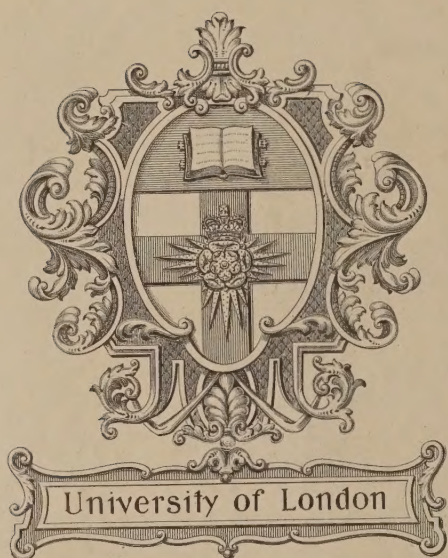
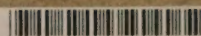












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|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Acland, T. D. - - -          | 6                                                     | Baring, Hon. A. H. - - -      | 1                                                     | Bingham, Lord - - -          | 2                                                     |
| Acton, Sir J. D. - - -       | 0                                                     | Baring, H. B. - - -           | 1                                                     | Blake, J. A. - - -           | 5                                                     |
| Adair, H. E. - - -           | 5                                                     | Baring, T. - - -              | 2                                                     | Blennerhasset, Sir R. - - -  | 1                                                     |
| Adam, W. P. - - -            | 4                                                     | Baring, T. G. - - -           | 2                                                     | Bonham-Carter, J. - - -      | 16                                                    |
| Adderley, Right Hon. C. B. - | 9                                                     | Barnes, T. - - -              | 2                                                     | Booth, Sir R. G. - - -       | 1                                                     |
| Agar-Ellis, Hon. L. G. F. -  | 4                                                     | Barnett, H. - - -             | 2                                                     | Bourne, Colonel - - -        | 1                                                     |
| Agnew, Sir A. - - -          | 1                                                     | Barrington, Viscount - - -    | 0                                                     | Bouverie, Right Hon. E. P. - | 11                                                    |
| Akroyd, E. - - -             | 8                                                     | Barron, Sir H. W. - - -       | 1                                                     | Bovill, W. - - -             | 3                                                     |
| Allen, W. S. - - -           | 2                                                     | Barrow, W. H. - - -           | 0                                                     | Bowen, James B. - - -        | 1                                                     |
| Amberley, Viscount - - -     | 0                                                     | Barry, C. R. - - -            | 0                                                     | Bowyer, Sir G. - - -         | 4                                                     |
| Andover, Viscount - - -      | 2                                                     | Barry, G. R. - - -            | 1                                                     | Brady, Dr. - - -             | 0                                                     |
| Annesley, Hon. Colonel -     | 1                                                     | Barry, Smith Arthur Hugh -    | 1                                                     | Brand, Hon. H. - - -         | 0                                                     |
| Anson, Hon. A. - - -         | 6                                                     | Barttelot, Colonel - - -      | 4                                                     | Brecknock, Earl - - -        | 0                                                     |
| Anstruther, Sir R. - - -     | 8                                                     | Bass, M. A. - - -             | 1                                                     | Brett, William Baliol - - -  | 9                                                     |
| Antrobus, E. - - -           | 2                                                     | Bass, M. T. - - -             | 0                                                     | Bridges, Sir B. W. - - -     | 8                                                     |
| Archdall, Captain - - -      | 0                                                     | Bateson, Sir T. - - -         | 0                                                     | Bright, Jacob - - -          | 1                                                     |
| Armstrong, R. - - -          | 1                                                     | Bathurst, A. A. - - -         | 4                                                     | Bright, J. - - -             | 6                                                     |
| Arkwright, R. - - -          | 2                                                     | Baxter, W. E. - - -           | 10                                                    | Bright, Sir C. T. - - -      | 2                                                     |
| Assheton, Ralph - - -        | 0                                                     | Bazley, T. - - -              | 12                                                    | Briscoe, J. I. - - -         | 0                                                     |
| Ayrton, A. S. - - -          | 23                                                    | Beach, Sir M. - - -           | 8                                                     | Brocklehurst, J. - - -       | 0                                                     |
| Aytoun, R. S. - - -          | 4                                                     | Beach, W. W. B. - - -         | 6                                                     | Bromley, W. D. - - -         | 4                                                     |
|                              |                                                       | Beaumont, H. F. - - -         | 0                                                     | Brooks, R. - - -             | 3                                                     |
|                              |                                                       | Beaumont, W. B. - - -         | 3                                                     | Brown, J. - - -              | 0                                                     |
| Baggallay, R. - - -          | 2                                                     | Bective, Earl of - - -        | 1                                                     | Browne, Lord J. T. - - -     | 8                                                     |
| Bagge, W. - - -              | 1                                                     | Beecroft, G. S. - - -         | 5                                                     | Bruce, Lord C. - - -         | 2                                                     |
| Bagnall, C. - - -            | 4                                                     | Bentinck, G. C. - - -         | 11                                                    | Bruce, Lord E. - - -         | 1                                                     |
| Bagwell, J. - - -            | 4                                                     | Benyon, R. - - -              | 7                                                     | Bruce, Major C. - - -        | 1                                                     |
| Bailey, C. - - -             | 0                                                     | Beresford, Captain D. W. P. - | 2                                                     | Bruce, Right Hon. H. A. -    | 12                                                    |
| Bailey, Sir J. R. - - -      | 1                                                     | Berkeley, Hon. H. F. - - -    | 1                                                     | Bruce, Sir H. H. - - -       | 1                                                     |
| Baillie, H. J. - - -         | 5                                                     | Bernard, Hon. Col. H. B. - -  | 0                                                     | Bruen, H. - - -              | 1                                                     |
| Baines, E. - - -             | 4                                                     | Biddulph, Col. R. M. - - -    | 1                                                     | Bryan, G. L. - - -           | 0                                                     |
| Barclay, A. C. - - -         | 0                                                     | Biddulph, M. - - -            | 1                                                     | Buckley, E. - - -            | 0                                                     |



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| Bulkeley, Sir R. - - -        | 1                                                     | Crossley, Sir F. - - -       | 2                                                     | Fane, Col. J. W. - - -        | 1                                                     |
| Buller, Sir A. W. - - -       | 1                                                     | Cubitt, G. - - - - -         | 4                                                     | Farquhar, Sir M. - - -        | 2                                                     |
| Buller, Sir E. - - - -        | 4                                                     | Curzon, Viscount - - -       | 0                                                     | Fawcett, H. - - - - -         | 6                                                     |
| Burghley, Lord - - - -        | 2                                                     | Cust, Hon. C. H. - - -       | 0                                                     | Feilden, J. - - - - -         | 2                                                     |
| Burke, Viscount - - - -       | 0                                                     | Cust, Hon. A. Wellington     | 0                                                     | Fellowes, E. - - - - -        | 1                                                     |
| Burrell, Sir Percy - - -      | 1                                                     |                              |                                                       | Fenwick, E. M. - - - -        | 0                                                     |
| Butler, C. S. - - - - -       | 1                                                     |                              |                                                       | Fenwick, H. - - - - -         | 0                                                     |
| Butler-Johnstone, H. A. -     | 2                                                     | Dalgleish, R. - - - - -      | 10                                                    | Fergusson, Sir J. - - -       | 14                                                    |
| Buxton, C. - - - - - -        | 3                                                     | Dalkeith, Earl of - - -      | 1                                                     | Ferrand, W. - - - - -         | 2                                                     |
| Buxton, Sir T. F. - - -       | 1                                                     | Davey, R. - - - - - -        | 1                                                     | Fildes, J. - - - - - -        | 0                                                     |
|                               |                                                       | Davie, Sir H. R. F. - - -    | 0                                                     | Finch, Henry - - - - -        | 1                                                     |
|                               |                                                       | Dawson, R. P. - - - - -      | 3                                                     | Finley, A. S. - - - - -       | 4                                                     |
| Capper, Charles - - - -       | 1                                                     | Dawson, Hon. Captain V. -    | 1                                                     | FitzGerald, Lord O. A. -      | 1                                                     |
| Candlish, J. - - - - -        | 3                                                     | De Grey, Hon. T. - - - -     | 3                                                     | FitzPatrick, Rt. Hon. J. W. - | 2                                                     |
| Cairns, Sir H. M'Calmont -    | 0                                                     | Denman, Hon. G. - - - -      | 3                                                     | Fitzwilliam, Hon. C. W. W. -  | 1                                                     |
| Calcraft, J. H. M. - - -      | 2                                                     | Dent, J. D. - - - - - -      | 17                                                    | Fleming, J. - - - - -         | 0                                                     |
| Calthorpe, Hon. F. H. W. G. - | 2                                                     | Dering, Sir E. C. - - - -    | 4                                                     | Floyer, J. - - - - - -        | 4                                                     |
| Campbell, A. H. - - - -       | 0                                                     | Devereux, R. J. - - - -      | 0                                                     | Foley, H. W. - - - - -        | 0                                                     |
| Campbell, Robert - - - -      | 0                                                     | Dick, Fitzwilliam - - - -    | 0                                                     | Foljambe, F. J. S. - - -      | 2                                                     |
| Cardwell, Right Hon. E. - -   | 12                                                    | Dickson, Major A. G. - - -   | 1                                                     | Forde, Colonel - - - - -      | 2                                                     |
| Carington, Hon. C. R. - - -   | 0                                                     | Dilke, Sir W. - - - - -      | 2                                                     | Fordyce, W. T. - - - - -      | 23                                                    |
| Carington, Hon. W. - - - -    | 0                                                     | Dillon, J. B. - - - - -      | 1                                                     | Forester, Rt. Hon. General -  | 0                                                     |
| Carnegie, Hon. C. - - - -     | 4                                                     | Dillwyn, L. L. - - - - -     | 2                                                     | Forster, C. - - - - - -       | 5                                                     |
| Carter, Samuel - - - - -      | 0                                                     | Dimsdale, Robert - - - -     | 1                                                     | Forster, W. E. - - - - -      | 6                                                     |
| Cartwright, Colonel - - - -   | 1                                                     | Disraeli, Right Hon. B. - -  | 0                                                     | Forsyth, W. - - - - - -       | 0                                                     |
| Castlerosse, Viscount - - -   | 1                                                     | Dodson, J. G. - - - - -      | 4                                                     | Fort, R. - - - - - - -        | 0                                                     |
| Cave, S. - - - - - - - -      | 10                                                    | Doulton, F. - - - - - -      | 1                                                     | Fortescue, Hon. D. F. - - -   | 4                                                     |
| Cave, T. - - - - - - - -      | 1                                                     | Dowdeswell, W. E. - - - -    | 1                                                     | Fortescue, Rt. Hon. C. - -    | 5                                                     |
| Cavendish, Lord E. - - - -    | 2                                                     | Du Cane, C. - - - - - -      | 3                                                     | Foster, W. O. - - - - -       | 4                                                     |
| Cavendish, Lord F. C. - - -   | 8                                                     | Duff, M. E. G. - - - - -     | 3                                                     | French, Colonel - - - - -     | 11                                                    |
| Cavendish, Lord G. - - - -    | 4                                                     | Duff, R. W. - - - - - -      | 1                                                     | Freshfield, C. K. - - - -     | 5                                                     |
| Cecil, Lord E. H. B. G. - -   | 7                                                     | Dixon, George - - - - - -    | 1                                                     |                               |                                                       |
| Chambers, Montague - - - -    | 0                                                     | Duncombe, Hon. A. - - - -    | 9                                                     | Gallwey, Sir W. P. - - - -    | 4                                                     |
| Chambers, T. - - - - - -      | 1                                                     | Duncombe, Hon. Octavius -    | 1                                                     | Galway, Viscount - - - -      | 3                                                     |
| Chatterton Hedges - - - -     | 1                                                     | Duncombe, Hon. W. E. - - -   | 2                                                     | Garth, Richard - - - - -      | 2                                                     |
| Cheetham, J. - - - - - -      | 1                                                     | Dundas, F. - - - - - - -     | 0                                                     | Gaselee, Serjeant S. - - -    | 0                                                     |
| Childers, H. C. E. - - - -    | 18                                                    | Dundas, Right Hon. Sir D. -  | 1                                                     | Gaskell, J. M. - - - - -      | 3                                                     |
| Cholmeley, Sir M. J. - - - -  | 1                                                     | Dundas, Hon. J. C. - - - -   | 0                                                     | Gavin, Major - - - - - -      | 7                                                     |
| Clay, J. - - - - - - - -      | 5                                                     | Dunkellin, Lord - - - - -    | 4                                                     | George, J. - - - - - - -      | 2                                                     |
| Clement, W. J. - - - - -      | 1                                                     | Dunlop, A. M. - - - - - -    | 12                                                    | Getty, S. G. - - - - - -      | 1                                                     |
| Clifton, Sir R. J. - - - -    | 0                                                     | Dunne, General - - - - - -   | 13                                                    | Gibson, Right Hon. T. M. -    | 10                                                    |
| Clinton, Lord A. P. - - - -   | 0                                                     | Du Pre, C. G. - - - - - -    | 1                                                     | Gilpin, Colonel - - - - -     | 2                                                     |
| Clinton, Lord E. P. - - - -   | 0                                                     | Dutton, Hon. R. H. - - - -   | 2                                                     | Gilpin, C. - - - - - - -      | 1                                                     |
| Clive, G. - - - - - - - -     | 12                                                    | Dyke, W. H. - - - - - -      | 2                                                     | Gladstone, Right Hon. W. E.   | 2                                                     |
| Clive, Captain Hon. G. W. -   | 0                                                     | Dyott, Colonel R. - - - -    | 2                                                     | Gladstone, W. H. - - - -      | 1                                                     |
| Cobbold, J. C. - - - - - -    | 3                                                     |                              |                                                       | Glyn, G. C. - - - - - -       | 1                                                     |
| Cochrane, A. D. R. W. B. - -  | 9                                                     | Earle, R. A. - - - - - -     | 1                                                     | Glyn, G. G. - - - - - -       | 2                                                     |
| Cogan, W. H. F. - - - - -     | 6                                                     | Eaton, H. W. - - - - - -     | 1                                                     | Goddard, A. L. - - - - -      | 1                                                     |
| Cole, Hon. H. - - - - - -     | 1                                                     | Eckersley, N. - - - - - -    | 2                                                     | Goldney, G. - - - - - -       | 10                                                    |
| Cole, Hon. J. L. - - - - -    | 1                                                     | Edwards, Charles - - - - -   | 0                                                     | Goldsmid, F. D. - - - - -     | 0                                                     |
| Colebrooke, Sir T. E. - - -   | 11                                                    | Edwards, Colonel Sir Henry - | 1                                                     | Goldsmid, Julian - - - -      | 2                                                     |
| Coleridge, J. D. - - - - -    | 3                                                     | Edwards, Henry - - - - -     | 0                                                     | Goldsmid, Sir F. H. - - -     | 11                                                    |
| Collier, Sir R. P. - - - -    | 7                                                     | Egerton, E. C. - - - - - -   | 6                                                     | Gooch, D. - - - - - - -       | 1                                                     |
| Colthurst, Sir G. C. - - - -  | 1                                                     | Egerton, Hon. A. F. - - - -  | 7                                                     | Goodson, J. - - - - - -       | 2                                                     |
| Colville, C. R. - - - - -     | 2                                                     | Egerton, Hon. W. - - - - -   | 4                                                     | Gordon, Right Hon. Edward -   | 1                                                     |
| Conolly, T. - - - - - - -     | 0                                                     | Egerton, Sir P. G. - - - -   | 7                                                     | Gore, J. R. O. - - - - -      | 1                                                     |
| Corbally, M. E. - - - - -     | 0                                                     | Elcho, Lord - - - - - - -    | 6                                                     | Gore, W. R. O. - - - - -      | 2                                                     |
| Corrance Fred. Snowden - -    | 4                                                     | Eliot, Lord - - - - - - -    | 2                                                     | Gorst, John Eldon - - - -     | 2                                                     |
| Corry, Right Hon. H. L. - -   | 1                                                     | Ellice, E. - - - - - - -     | 2                                                     | Goschen, G. J. - - - - -      | 15                                                    |
| Courtenay, Lord - - - - -     | 1                                                     | Enfield, Viscount - - - - -  | 6                                                     | Gower, G. W. G. L. - - - -    | 0                                                     |
| Cowen, J. - - - - - - - -     | 1                                                     | Erskine, Vice-Adm. J. E. -   | 3                                                     | Gower, Hon. F. L. - - - -     | 4                                                     |
| Cooper, E. H. - - - - - -     | 4                                                     | Esmonde, J. - - - - - -      | 1                                                     | Graham, W. - - - - - -        | 10                                                    |
| Cowper, Hon. H. F. - - - -    | 1                                                     | Evans, T. W. - - - - - -     | 9                                                     | Grant, A. - - - - - - -       | 1                                                     |
| Cowper, Right Hon. W. F. -    | 9                                                     | Ewart, W. - - - - - - -      | 2                                                     | Graves, S. R. - - - - -       | 13                                                    |
| Cox, W. T. - - - - - - - -    | 1                                                     | Ewing, H. E. Crum - - - -    | 3                                                     | Greenall, G. - - - - - -      | 4                                                     |
| Cranbourne, Viscount - - -    | 10                                                    | Eykyn, Roger - - - - - -     | 1                                                     | Greene, E. - - - - - -        | 4                                                     |
| Craufurd, E. H. J. - - - -    | 5                                                     |                              |                                                       | Gregory, W. H. - - - - -      | 10                                                    |
| Crawford, R. W. - - - - -     | 4                                                     | Fane, Lt.-Col. H. H. - - -   | 4                                                     |                               |                                                       |
| Crosland, Colonel T. P. - -   | 1                                                     |                              |                                                       |                               |                                                       |



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| Grenfell, H. R. - - -                  | 2                                                                    | Holmesdale, Viscount - - -               | 2                                                                    | Laird, J. - - -                       | 5                                                                    |
| Grenville, R. N. - - -                 | 4                                                                    | Hood, Sir A. A. - - -                    | 1                                                                    | Lamont, J. - - -                      | 2                                                                    |
| Greville, A. W. F. - - -               | 2                                                                    | Hope, A. J. B. B. - - -                  | 11                                                                   | Langton, W. G. - - -                  | 2                                                                    |
| Greville, Col. F. - - -                | 0                                                                    | Hornby, W. H. - - -                      | 2                                                                    | Lanyon, Sir Charles - - -             | 8                                                                    |
| Gray, Col. W. - - -                    | 0                                                                    | Horsfall, T. B. - - -                    | 3                                                                    | Lascelles, Hon. E. W. - - -           | 1                                                                    |
| Gray, Sir J. - - -                     | 3                                                                    | Horsman, Right Hon. E. - - -             | 0                                                                    | Lawrence, W. - - -                    | 9                                                                    |
| Grey, Right Hon. Sir G. - - -          | 4                                                                    | Hotham, Lord - - -                       | 12                                                                   | Lawson, J. A. - - -                   | 4                                                                    |
| Gridley, Capt. H. G. - - -             | 2                                                                    | Howard, Hon. C. W. G. - - -              | 5                                                                    | Layard, A. H. - - -                   | 4                                                                    |
| Griffith, C. D. - - -                  | 4                                                                    | Howard, Lord E. - - -                    | 0                                                                    | Leader, N. P. - - -                   | 5                                                                    |
| Grosvenor, Earl - - -                  | 3                                                                    | Howes, E. - - -                          | 18                                                                   | Leatham, Edward - - -                 | 0                                                                    |
| Grosvenor, Lord R. - - -               | 3                                                                    | Hubbard, J. G. - - -                     | 5                                                                    | Leatham, W. H. - - -                  | 3                                                                    |
| Grosvenor, Capt. R. W. - - -           | 2                                                                    | Huddlestone, J. W. - - -                 | 5                                                                    | Lechmere, Sir A. - - -                | 2                                                                    |
| Grove, T. F. - - -                     | 3                                                                    | Hughes, T. - - -                         | 3                                                                    | Lee, W. - - -                         | 0                                                                    |
| Guinness, Sir Arthur - - -             | 0                                                                    | Hughes, W. B. - - -                      | 1                                                                    | Leeman, G. - - -                      | 9                                                                    |
| Guinness, B. L. - - -                  | 2                                                                    | Humphery, W. H. - - -                    | 1                                                                    | Lefevre, G. J. S. - - -               | 8                                                                    |
| Gurney, R. - - -                       | 7                                                                    | Hunt, Right Hon. G. W. - - -             | 14                                                                   | Lefroy, A. - - -                      | 3                                                                    |
| Gurney, S. - - -                       | 1                                                                    | Hurst, R. H. - - -                       | 2                                                                    | Legh, Major C. - - -                  | 3                                                                    |
| Gwyn, Howell - - -                     | 1                                                                    | Hutt, Right Hon. W. - - -                | 2                                                                    | Lennox, Lord G. G. - - -              | 0                                                                    |
|                                        |                                                                      |                                          |                                                                      | Lennox, Lord H. G. - - -              | 2                                                                    |
| Hadfield, G. - - -                     | 1                                                                    | Ingham, R. - - -                         | 4                                                                    | Leslie, C. P. - - -                   | 1                                                                    |
| Hamilton, Lord C. - - -                | 4                                                                    | Innes, A. C. - - -                       | 0                                                                    | Leslie, W. - - -                      | 0                                                                    |
| Hamilton, Lord C. J. - - -             | 1                                                                    | Ingestre, Viscount - - -                 | 0                                                                    | Lewis, H. - - -                       | 1                                                                    |
| Hamilton, E. W. T. - - -               | 2                                                                    |                                          |                                                                      | Liddell, Hon. H. G. - - -             | 7                                                                    |
| Hamilton, I. T. - - -                  | 3                                                                    | Jackson, H. M. - - -                     | 0                                                                    | Lindsay, Hon. Colonel C. - - -        | 2                                                                    |
| Hamilton, Viscount - - -               | 0                                                                    | Jackson, W. - - -                        | 2                                                                    | Lindsay, Hon. General - - -           | 0                                                                    |
| Hanbury, R. - - -                      | 3                                                                    | James, E. - - -                          | 0                                                                    | Lindsay, Colonel R. L. - - -          | 1                                                                    |
| Hankey, T. - - -                       | 11                                                                   | Jardine, R. - - -                        | 0                                                                    | Lloyd, Sir T. D. - - -                | 1                                                                    |
| Hanmer, Sir J. - - -                   | 5                                                                    | Jervis, Captain - - -                    | 3                                                                    | Locke, J. - - -                       | 1                                                                    |
| Hardcastle, J. A. - - -                | 6                                                                    | Jervoise, Sir J. Clarke - - -            | 1                                                                    | Long, R. P. - - -                     | 11                                                                   |
| Hardy, Right Hon. G. - - -             | 7                                                                    | Johnstone, Sir John - - -                | 3                                                                    | Lopes, H. C. - - -                    | 0                                                                    |
| Hardy J. - - -                         | 4                                                                    | Jolliffe, Right Hon. Sir. W. G. H. - - - | 3                                                                    | Lopes, Sir M. - - -                   | 0                                                                    |
| Harris, J. D. - - -                    | 1                                                                    | Jolliffe, H. H. - - -                    | 2                                                                    | Lorne, Marquis of - - -               | 1                                                                    |
| Hartington, Marquis of - - -           | 6                                                                    | Jones, D. - - -                          | 0                                                                    | Lowe, Right Hon. R. - - -             | 1                                                                    |
| Hartley, J. - - -                      | 2                                                                    |                                          |                                                                      | Lowther, Hon. Colonel - - -           | 11                                                                   |
| Hartopp, E. B. - - -                   | 4                                                                    | Karslake, Sir John - - -                 | 1                                                                    | Lowther, Captain - - -                | 0                                                                    |
| Harvey, R. B. - - -                    | 2                                                                    | Karslake, E. K. - - -                    | 0                                                                    | Lowther J. - - -                      | 3                                                                    |
| Harvey, R. J. H. - - -                 | 3                                                                    | Kavanagh, A. - - -                       | 4                                                                    | Lowther, W. - - -                     | 2                                                                    |
| Hay, Lord John - - -                   | 5                                                                    | Kearsley, Captain R. - - -               | 1                                                                    | Lusk, Mr. Alderman - - -              | 6                                                                    |
| Hay, Lord W. M. - - -                  | 3                                                                    | Kekewich, S. T. - - -                    | 9                                                                    | Lygon, Hon. F. - - -                  | 0                                                                    |
| Hay, Sir John - - -                    | 2                                                                    | Kelk, J. - - -                           | 0                                                                    | Lytton, Right Hon. Sir E. L. B. - - - | 0                                                                    |
| Hayter, Captain A. D. - - -            | 4                                                                    | Kelly, Sir FitzRoy - - -                 | 0                                                                    |                                       |                                                                      |
| Headlam, Right Hon. T. E. - - -        | 11                                                                   | Kendall, N. - - -                        | 4                                                                    | MacEvoy E. - - -                      | 2                                                                    |
| Heathcote, Hon. G. H. - - -            | 1                                                                    | Kennard, R. W. - - -                     | 0                                                                    | McKenna, J. N. - - -                  | 3                                                                    |
| Heathcote, Sir W. - - -                | 8                                                                    | Kennedy, T. - - -                        | 0                                                                    | Mackie, J. - - -                      | 1                                                                    |
| Henderson, J. - - -                    | 3                                                                    | Keown, William - - -                     | 0                                                                    | Mackinnon, Captain L. B. - - -        | 1                                                                    |
| Heneage, E. - - -                      | 2                                                                    | Ker, D. S. - - -                         | 0                                                                    | Mackinnon, W. A. - - -                | 1                                                                    |
| Henley, Lord - - -                     | 11                                                                   | Kerrison, Sir E. C. - - -                | 0                                                                    | McLagan, P. - - -                     | 6                                                                    |
| Henley, Right Hon. J. W. - - -         | 6                                                                    | King, Hon. P. J. L. - - -                | 4                                                                    | McLaren, D. - - -                     | 3                                                                    |
| Henniker, Lord - - -                   | 0                                                                    | King, J. G. - - -                        | 0                                                                    | Maguire, J. F. - - -                  | 2                                                                    |
| Henniker-Major, Hon. John Major. - - - | 2                                                                    | King, J. K. - - -                        | 0                                                                    | Mahon, Viscount - - -                 | 0                                                                    |
| Herbert, Right Hon. H. A. - - -        | 3                                                                    | Kinglake, A. W. - - -                    | 4                                                                    | Mainwaring, T. - - -                  | 0                                                                    |
| Herbert, H. - - -                      | 0                                                                    | Kinglake, J. A. - - -                    | 0                                                                    | Majoribanks, D. C. - - -              | 1                                                                    |
| Herbert, Hon. P. E. - - -              | 5                                                                    | Kingscote, Colonel - - -                 | 1                                                                    | Malcolm, J. W. - - -                  | 2                                                                    |
| Hervey, Lord A. H. C. - - -            | 1                                                                    | Kinnaird, Hon. A. F. - - -               | 19                                                                   | Manners, Right Hon. Lord J. - - -     | 0                                                                    |
| Hesketh, Sir T. G. - - -               | 1                                                                    | Knatchbull-Hugessen, E. - - -            | 9                                                                    | Manners, Lord G. J. - - -             | 11                                                                   |
| Heygate, Sir F. W. - - -               | 11                                                                   | Knight, F. W. - - -                      | 5                                                                    | Marsh, M. H. - - -                    | 3                                                                    |
| Heygate, W. E. - - -                   | 0                                                                    | Knightley, Sir R. - - -                  | 4                                                                    | Marshall, W. - - -                    | 0                                                                    |
| Hibbert, J. T. - - -                   | 8                                                                    | Knox, Colonel - - -                      | 0                                                                    | Martin, C. W. - - -                   | 1                                                                    |
| Hoare, Sir H. A. - - -                 | 0                                                                    | Knox, Hon. Major S. - - -                | 0                                                                    | Martin, P. W. - - -                   | 2                                                                    |
| Hildyard, T. B. T. - - -               | 2                                                                    |                                          |                                                                      | Matheson, A. - - -                    | 2                                                                    |
| Hodgkinson, G. - - -                   | 4                                                                    | Labouchere, Henry - - -                  | 0                                                                    | Matheson, Sir J. - - -                | 0                                                                    |
| Hodgson, K. D. - - -                   | 5                                                                    | Labouchere, H. - - -                     | 1                                                                    | Maxwell, Sir W. - - -                 | 1                                                                    |
| Hodgson, W. N. - - -                   | 2                                                                    | Lacon, Sir E. - - -                      | 1                                                                    | Meller, W. - - -                      | 2                                                                    |
| Hogg, Lieut.-Colonel J. M. - - -       | 7                                                                    | Laing, S. - - -                          | 10                                                                   | Melley, George - - -                  | 2                                                                    |
| Holden, Isaac - - -                    | 0                                                                    |                                          |                                                                      | Merry, James - - -                    | 2                                                                    |
| Holford, R. S. - - -                   | 3                                                                    |                                          |                                                                      | Milbank, F. A. - - -                  | 1                                                                    |
| Holland, E. - - -                      | 4                                                                    |                                          |                                                                      | Miles, John William - - -             | 0                                                                    |
|                                        |                                                                      |                                          |                                                                      | Mill, J. S. - - -                     | 3                                                                    |

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| Miller, S. B. - - -                | 2                                                                    | Patten, Colonel W. - - -       | 9                                                                    | Scourfield, J. H. - - -            | 10                                                                   |
| Miller, T. J. - - -                | 17                                                                   | Patton, George - - -           | 0                                                                    | Scrope, G. P. - - -                | 2                                                                    |
| Miller, W. - - -                   | 3                                                                    | Paull, H. - - -                | 8                                                                    | Seely, C. - - -                    | 3                                                                    |
| Mills, C. H. - - -                 | 0                                                                    | Pease, J. W. - - -             | 1                                                                    | Selwin, Ibbetson H. J. - - -       | 3                                                                    |
| Mills, J. R. - - -                 | 0                                                                    | Peel, A. W. - - -              | 5                                                                    | Selwyn, C. J. - - -                | 2                                                                    |
| Milton, Viscount - - -             | 2                                                                    | Peel, J. - - -                 | 6                                                                    | Severne, J. E. - - -               | 1                                                                    |
| Mitchell, A. - - -                 | 2                                                                    | Peel, Right Hon. Sir R. - - -  | 1                                                                    | Seymour, A. - - -                  | 2                                                                    |
| Mitchell, T. A. - - -              | 0                                                                    | Peel, Right Hon. General - - - | 3                                                                    | Seymour, G. H. - - -               | 2                                                                    |
| Mitford, W. T. - - -               | 5                                                                    | Pelham, Lord - - -             | 4                                                                    | Seymour, H. D. - - -               | 0                                                                    |
| Moffatt, G. - - -                  | 3                                                                    | Pemberton, Edward - - -        | 0                                                                    | Shafto, R. D. - - -                | 0                                                                    |
| Moncrieff, Right Hon. J. - - -     | 8                                                                    | Pender, J. - - -               | 0                                                                    | Sheridan, H. B. - - -              | 3                                                                    |
| Monk, C. J. - - -                  | 3                                                                    | Pennant, Hon. Colonel - - -    | 1                                                                    | Sheridan, R. B. - - -              | 2                                                                    |
| Monsell, Right Hon. W. - - -       | 6                                                                    | Pennant, Hon. G. Douglas - - - | 0                                                                    | Sherriff, A. C. - - -              | 2                                                                    |
| Montague, Lord R. - - -            | 17                                                                   | Perey, Lord H. - - -           | 1                                                                    | Simeon, Sir J. - - -               | 3                                                                    |
| Montgomery, Sir G. - - -           | 8                                                                    | Peto, Sir S. M. - - -          | 2                                                                    | Simonds, W. B. - - -               | 1                                                                    |
| Moore, C. - - -                    | 0                                                                    | Philips, G. L. - - -           | 1                                                                    | Smith, J. A. - - -                 | 2                                                                    |
| Mordaunt, Sir C. - - -             | 1                                                                    | Philips, R. N. - - -           | 2                                                                    | Smith, J. B. - - -                 | 3                                                                    |
| More, R. J. - - -                  | 4                                                                    | Pim, J. - - -                  | 4                                                                    | Smith, S. G. - - -                 | 1                                                                    |
| Morgan, Hon. - - -                 | 1                                                                    | Platt, J. - - -                | 0                                                                    | Smollett, P. B. - - -              | 3                                                                    |
| Morgan O. - - -                    | 2                                                                    | Pollard-Urquhart, W. - - -     | 12                                                                   | Somerset, Colonel - - -            | 1                                                                    |
| Morley, S. - - -                   | 1                                                                    | Portman, Hon. W. H. B. - - -   | 6                                                                    | Somerset, E. A. - - -              | 0                                                                    |
| Morris, G. - - -                   | 1                                                                    | Potter, E. - - -               | 8                                                                    | Spiers, A. A. - - -                | 2                                                                    |
| Morris, M. - - -                   | 0                                                                    | Potter, T. B. - - -            | 1                                                                    | Staepoole, W. - - -                | 16                                                                   |
| Morris, W. - - -                   | 2                                                                    | Powell, F. S. - - -            | 15                                                                   | Stanhope, J. B. - - -              | 3                                                                    |
| Morrison, W. - - -                 | 6                                                                    | Power, Sir J. - - -            | 0                                                                    | Stanhope, Lord - - -               | 1                                                                    |
| Mowbray, Right Hon. J. R. - - -    | 7                                                                    | Price, R. G. - - -             | 2                                                                    | Staniland - - -                    | 1                                                                    |
| Murphy, N. D. - - -                | 3                                                                    | Price, W. P. - - -             | 1                                                                    | Stanley, Right Hon. Lord - - -     | 0                                                                    |
|                                    |                                                                      | Pritchard, J. - - -            | 1                                                                    | Stanley, Hon. F. - - -             | 6                                                                    |
|                                    |                                                                      | Proby, Lord - - -              | 2                                                                    | Stanley, Hon. W. O. - - -          | 5                                                                    |
|                                    |                                                                      | Pryse, E. L. - - -             | 0                                                                    | Stanfeld, J. - - -                 | 3                                                                    |
|                                    |                                                                      | Pugh, D. - - -                 | 1                                                                    | Steel, J. - - -                    | 0                                                                    |
|                                    |                                                                      |                                |                                                                      | Stirling, J. - - -                 | 0                                                                    |
| Naas, Lord - - -                   | 8                                                                    |                                |                                                                      | Stirling, Maxwell W. - - -         | 10                                                                   |
| Neate, C. - - -                    | 9                                                                    | Ramsay, John - - -             | 2                                                                    | Stock, O. - - -                    | 1                                                                    |
| Neeld, Sir J. - - -                | 2                                                                    | Rawlinson, Sir H. - - -        | 8                                                                    | Stone, W. H. - - -                 | 4                                                                    |
| Newdegate, C. N. - - -             | 1                                                                    | Read, C. S. - - -              | 15                                                                   | Stronge, Sir J. M. - - -           | 0                                                                    |
| Newport, Viscount - - -            | 0                                                                    | Rearden, D. J. - - -           | 0                                                                    | Stuart, Colonel C. - - -           | 1                                                                    |
| Nicholson, William - - -           | 0                                                                    | Rebow, J. G. - - -             | 1                                                                    | Stuart, Lieut. Col. W. - - -       | 3                                                                    |
| Nicol, J. D. - - -                 | 1                                                                    | Repton, G. W. J. - - -         | 2                                                                    | Stuckley, Sir G. S. - - -          | 3                                                                    |
| Noel, Hon. G. J. - - -             | 0                                                                    | Ridley, Sir M. White - - -     | 5                                                                    | Sturt, H. G. - - -                 | 1                                                                    |
| North, Colonel - - -               | 6                                                                    | Robartes, T. J. A. - - -       | 3                                                                    | Sturt, Lieut. Col. N. - - -        | 6                                                                    |
| Northcote, Sir S. H. - - -         | 11                                                                   | Robertson, D. - - -            | 1                                                                    | Stopford, Sackville G. - - -       | 2                                                                    |
| Norwood, C. M. - - -               | 5                                                                    | Robertson, P. F. - - -         | 2                                                                    | Sullivan, E. - - -                 | 1                                                                    |
|                                    |                                                                      | Roebuck, J. A. - - -           | 3                                                                    | Surtees, C. F. - - -               | 5                                                                    |
| O'Beirne, J. L. - - -              | 3                                                                    | Rolt, Sir John - - -           | 1                                                                    | Surtees, H. E. - - -               | 7                                                                    |
| O'Brien, Sir P. - - -              | 1                                                                    | Rothschild, Baron L. de - - -  | 0                                                                    | Sykes, C. - - -                    | 1                                                                    |
| O'Connor Don, The - - -            | 11                                                                   | Rothschild, Baron M. de - - -  | 3                                                                    | Sykes, Col. W. H. - - -            | 2                                                                    |
| O'Donaghue, The - - -              | 0                                                                    | Rothschild, N. M. de - - -     | 1                                                                    | Synan, E. J. - - -                 | 3                                                                    |
| Ogilvy, Sir J. - - -               | 5                                                                    | Royston, Viscount - - -        | 1                                                                    |                                    |                                                                      |
| Oliphant, L. - - -                 | 3                                                                    | Russell, A. - - -              | 5                                                                    |                                    |                                                                      |
| O'Loughlen, Sir C. M. - - -        | 14                                                                   | Russell, H. - - -              | 12                                                                   | Talbot, C. R. M. - - -             | 2                                                                    |
| O'Neill, E. - - -                  | 2                                                                    | Russell, F. W. - - -           | 0                                                                    | Taylor, Colonel - - -              | 1                                                                    |
| Onslow, G. - - -                   | 3                                                                    | Russell, Sir C. - - -          | 8                                                                    | Taylor, P. A. - - -                | 1                                                                    |
| O'Reilly, M. W. - - -              | 10                                                                   | Russell, Sir W. - - -          | 3                                                                    | Thompson, A. G. - - -              | 0                                                                    |
| Osborne, Bernal - - -              | 1                                                                    |                                |                                                                      | Thompson, M. W. - - -              | 1                                                                    |
| Otway, A. J. - - -                 | 4                                                                    | St. Aubyn, J. - - -            | 3                                                                    | Thorold, Sir J. H. - - -           | 1                                                                    |
| Owen, Sir H. O. - - -              | 0                                                                    | Sandford, G. M. W. - - -       | 3                                                                    | Thynne, Lord H. F. - - -           | 0                                                                    |
|                                    |                                                                      | Salomons, Mr. Alderman - - -   | 7                                                                    | Tite, W. - - -                     | 10                                                                   |
| Packe, C. W. - - -                 | 0                                                                    | Samuda, J. D' Aguilar - - -    | 1                                                                    | Tollemache, J. - - -               | 3                                                                    |
| Packe, Colonel - - -               | 4                                                                    | Samuelson, B. - - -            | 2                                                                    | Tomline, G. - - -                  | 1                                                                    |
| Padmore, R. - - -                  | 0                                                                    | Saunderson, E. - - -           | 1                                                                    | Torrens, R. - - -                  | 3                                                                    |
| Paget, Lord C. - - -               | 1                                                                    | Schneider, H. W. - - -         | 0                                                                    | Torrens, W. T. M'Cullagh - - -     | 4                                                                    |
| Paget, R. H. - - -                 | 2                                                                    | Scofield, W. - - -             | 7                                                                    | Tottenham, Lieut. Col. C. G. - - - | 2                                                                    |
| Paget, Thomas - - -                | 1                                                                    | Schreiber, C. - - -            | 5                                                                    | Tracy, Hon. C. R. D. Hanbury - - - | 3                                                                    |
| Pakington, Right Hon. Sir J. - - - | 7                                                                    | Slater-Booth, G. - - -         | 13                                                                   | Traill, G. - - -                   | 0                                                                    |
| Palk, Sir L. - - -                 | 1                                                                    | Scott, Lord H. - - -           | 2                                                                    | Treeby, J. W. - - -                | 1                                                                    |
| Palmer, Sir R. - - -               | 0                                                                    | Scott, Sir W. - - -            | 0                                                                    | Trefusis, Hon. C. H. R. - - -      | 1                                                                    |
| Parker, Major W. - - -             | 3                                                                    |                                |                                                                      | Treherne, M. - - -                 | 0                                                                    |
| Parry, T. - - -                    | 1                                                                    |                                |                                                                      |                                    |                                                                      |



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| Trevelyan, G. O. - - -        | 5                                                     | Walpole, Right Hon. S. H. - - | 8                                                     | Williams, Colonel - - -   | 0                                                     |
| Trevor, Lord A. E. Hill - -   | 2                                                     | Walrond, J. W. - - -          | 3                                                     | Williams, F. M. - - -     | 1                                                     |
| Trollope, Right Hon. Sir J. - | 3                                                     | Walsh, A. - - -               | 0                                                     | Williamson, Sir H. - - -  | 3                                                     |
| Turner, C. - - -              | 8                                                     | Walsh, Sir J. - - -           | 0                                                     | Winnington, Sir T. E. - - | 1                                                     |
| Turner, Edmond - - -          | 0                                                     | Waring, C. - - -              | 0                                                     | Wise, H. C. - - -         | 3                                                     |
| Tyrone, Earl of - - -         | 0                                                     | Warner, E. - - -              | 0                                                     | Wood, Right Hon. Sir C. - | 1                                                     |
|                               |                                                       | Warren, Right Hon. R. - -     | 2                                                     | Woodd, B. T. - - -        | 12                                                    |
|                               |                                                       | Waterhouse, S. - - -          | 1                                                     | Woods, H. - - -           | 3                                                     |
| Vance, John - - -             | 2                                                     | Watkin, E. W. - - -           | 4                                                     | Wyld, J. - - -            | 2                                                     |
| Vanderbyl, P. - - -           | 1                                                     | Watkins, Colonel L. - -       | 0                                                     | Wyndham, Hon. H. - - -    | 1                                                     |
| Vandeleur, Colonel - - -      | 5                                                     | Weguelin, T. M. - - -         | 5                                                     | Wyndham, Hon. P. - - -    | 4                                                     |
| Verner, E. W. - - -           | 2                                                     | Welby, W. E. - - -            | 4                                                     | Wynn, Sir W. W. - - -     | 0                                                     |
| Verner, Sir W. - - -          | 0                                                     | Western, Sir T. B. - -        | 1                                                     | Wynn, C. W. W. - - -      | 5                                                     |
| Verney, Sir H. - - -          | 3                                                     | Westropp, H. - - -            | 1                                                     | Wynne, W. W. E. - - -     | 0                                                     |
| Vernon, H. F. - - -           | 2                                                     | Whalley, G. H. - - -          | 1                                                     | Wyvill, Marmaduke - - -   | 2                                                     |
| Villiers, Right Hon. C. P. -  | 3                                                     | Whatman, J. - - -             | 3                                                     |                           |                                                       |
| Vivian, H. H. - - -           | 6                                                     | Whitbread, S. - - -           | 13                                                    |                           |                                                       |
| Vivian, Capt. Hon. J. C. W.   | 8                                                     | White, Hon. Capt. Charles -   | 1                                                     | Yorke, J. R. - - -        | 22                                                    |
|                               |                                                       | White, J. - - -               | 1                                                     | Young, A. W. - - -        | 0                                                     |
| Walcott, Admiral - - -        | 0                                                     | Whiteside, Right Hon. J. -    | 0                                                     | Young, G. - - -           | 0                                                     |
| Waldegrave-Leslie, Hon. G.    | 16                                                    | Whitmore, H. - - -            | 1                                                     | Young, R. - - -           | 1                                                     |
| Walker, Major G. G. - -       | 4                                                     | Whitworth, B. - - -           | 1                                                     |                           |                                                       |
|                               |                                                       | Wickham, H. W. - - -          | 0                                                     |                           |                                                       |

## — III. —

LIST of MEMBERS who were appointed to sit on Two or more SELECT COMMITTEES (stating the Number) at one and the same Time.

## SESSION 1866.

| N A M E.                   | Number of Committees on which each Member was Appointed at one and the same time. | N A M E.                   | Number of Committees on which each Member was Appointed at one and the same time. | N A M E.                  | Number of Committees on which each Member was Appointed at one and the same time. |
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| Acland, T. D. - - -        | 2                                                                                 | Childers, H. C. E. - -     | 3                                                                                 | Evans, T. W. - - -        | 2                                                                                 |
| Adam, W. P. - - -          | 2                                                                                 | Clay, J. - - -             | 3                                                                                 | Ewing, H. E. C. - - -     | 2                                                                                 |
| Adderley, Rt. Hon. C. B. - | 6                                                                                 | Clive, G. - - -            | 4                                                                                 |                           |                                                                                   |
| Ayrton, A. S. - - -        | 6                                                                                 | Corry, Rt. Hon. H. T. L. - | 3                                                                                 | Fawcett, H. - - -         | 3                                                                                 |
|                            |                                                                                   | Cowper, R t. Hon. W. F. -  | 2                                                                                 | Fergusson, Sir J. - - -   | 7                                                                                 |
| Baring, T. G. - - -        | 2                                                                                 | Cranborne, Viscount - -    | 3                                                                                 | French, Colonel - - -     | 3                                                                                 |
| Baxter, W. E. - - -        | 4                                                                                 |                            |                                                                                   |                           |                                                                                   |
| Bazley, T. - - -           | 2                                                                                 | Dalgleish, R. - - -        | 3                                                                                 | Gallwey, Sir William - -  | 2                                                                                 |
| Beach, Sir M. E. H. - -    | 2                                                                                 | Dent, J. D. - - -          | 2                                                                                 | George, Mr. - - -         | 2                                                                                 |
| Bentinck, G. C. - - -      | 2                                                                                 | Duncombe, Admiral - -      | 2                                                                                 | Gibson, Rt. Hon. T. M. -  | 3                                                                                 |
| Bonham-Carter, J. - - -    | 5                                                                                 | Dunlop, A. M. - - -        | 4                                                                                 | Gilpin, Colonel - - -     | 2                                                                                 |
| Bruce, Right Hon. H. A. -  | 3                                                                                 |                            |                                                                                   | Goldsmid, Sir F. H. - -   | 2                                                                                 |
| Buxton, Sir T. F. - - -    | 2                                                                                 | Egerton, Hon. A. F. - -    | 2                                                                                 | Göschen, Rt. Hon. G. J. - | 3                                                                                 |
|                            |                                                                                   | Egerton, E. G. - - -       | 2                                                                                 | Gower, Hon. E. F. L. - -  | 2                                                                                 |
| Cave, S. - - -             | 2                                                                                 | Egerton, E. C. - - -       | 2                                                                                 | Graham, W. - - -          | 3                                                                                 |
| Cecil, Lord E. - - -       | 3                                                                                 |                            |                                                                                   | Graves, S. R. - - -       | 2                                                                                 |

III.—LIST of Members who were appointed to sit on Two or more Select Committees, &c.—*continued.*SESSION 1866—*continued.*

| N A M E.                   | Number<br>of Committees<br>on which each<br>Member<br>was Appointed<br>at one and the<br>same time. | N A M E.                  | Number<br>of Committees<br>on which each<br>Member<br>was Appointed<br>at one and the<br>same time. | N A M E.                  | Number<br>of Committees<br>on which each<br>Member<br>was Appointed<br>at one and the<br>same time. |
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| Gregory, W. H. - -         | 3                                                                                                   | Leeman, G. - - -          | 3                                                                                                   | Rawlinson, Sir H. - -     | 2                                                                                                   |
| Grosvenor, Earl - -        | 2                                                                                                   | Lefevre, G. J. S. - -     | 2                                                                                                   | Ridley, Sir M. W. - -     | 3                                                                                                   |
|                            |                                                                                                     | Liddell, Hon. H. G. - -   | 2                                                                                                   | Russell, F. C. H. - -     | 3                                                                                                   |
|                            |                                                                                                     | Locke, J. - - -           | 5                                                                                                   | Russell, Sir C. - -       | 2                                                                                                   |
| Hankey, T. - - -           | 3                                                                                                   | Lord Advocate, The (Mr.   | 3                                                                                                   |                           |                                                                                                     |
| Hardy, Right Hon. G. -     | 3                                                                                                   | Moncreiff.) - - -         |                                                                                                     | Salomons, D. - - -        | 2                                                                                                   |
| Hartington, Marquis of -   | 2                                                                                                   | Lowe, R. - - -            | 2                                                                                                   | Sandford, G. M. W. - -    | 4                                                                                                   |
| Heathcote, Sir W. - -      | 2                                                                                                   | Lusk, A. - - -            | 2                                                                                                   | Schreiber, C. - - -       | 2                                                                                                   |
| Henley, Right Hon. J. W. - | 3                                                                                                   |                           |                                                                                                     | Sclater-Booth, G. - -     | 5                                                                                                   |
| Herbert, Colonel - -       | 2                                                                                                   | M'Lagan, P. - - -         | 2                                                                                                   | Scourfield, J. H. - -     | 2                                                                                                   |
| Heygate, Sir F. W. - -     | 3                                                                                                   | M'Laren, D. - - -         | 2                                                                                                   | Stanley, Hon. F. A. - -   | 2                                                                                                   |
| Hibbert, J. T. - - -       | 2                                                                                                   | Manners, Lord J. - -      | 2                                                                                                   | Stanley, Hon. W. O. - -   | 2                                                                                                   |
| Hope, A. J. B. Beresford - | 3                                                                                                   | Maxwell, Sir W. S. - -    | 3                                                                                                   |                           |                                                                                                     |
| Hotham, Lord - - -         | 4                                                                                                   | Mayo, Earl - - -          | 4                                                                                                   |                           |                                                                                                     |
| Howes, E. - - -            | 4                                                                                                   | Miller, T. J. - - -       | 3                                                                                                   | Talbot, C. R. M. - - -    | 2                                                                                                   |
| Hunt, G. W. - - -          | 5                                                                                                   | Montagu, Lord R. - -      | 5                                                                                                   | Tite, W. - - -            | 2                                                                                                   |
|                            |                                                                                                     | Morrison, W. - - -        | 2                                                                                                   | Torrens, W. T. M'Cullagh  | 2                                                                                                   |
|                            |                                                                                                     | Mowbray, Rt. Hon. J. R. - | 2                                                                                                   | Turner, C. - - -          | 2                                                                                                   |
| Ingham, R. - - -           | 2                                                                                                   |                           |                                                                                                     |                           |                                                                                                     |
|                            |                                                                                                     | Neate, C. - - -           | 2                                                                                                   | Verney, Sir H. - - -      | 2                                                                                                   |
| Jolliffe, Sir William - -  | 2                                                                                                   | North, Colonel - - -      | 2                                                                                                   | Vivian, H. H. - - -       | 2                                                                                                   |
|                            |                                                                                                     | Northcote, Sir S. H. - -  | 6                                                                                                   |                           |                                                                                                     |
| Kekewich, S. T. - - -      | 2                                                                                                   |                           |                                                                                                     | Waldegrave-Leslie, G. -   | 2                                                                                                   |
| Kinnaird, Hon. A. F. - -   | 4                                                                                                   | O'Conor Don, The - - -    | 3                                                                                                   | Walpole, Rt. Hon. S. H. - | 8                                                                                                   |
| Knatchbull-Hugessen E. -   | 2                                                                                                   | O'Loughlen, Sir C. M. -   | 4                                                                                                   | Whitbread, S. - - -       | 3                                                                                                   |
| Knight, F. W. - - -        | 2                                                                                                   |                           |                                                                                                     | Woods, H. - - -           | 2                                                                                                   |
|                            |                                                                                                     | Packe, Colonel - - -      | 2                                                                                                   |                           |                                                                                                     |
| Laing, S. - - -            | 4                                                                                                   | Pakington, Sir J. S. - -  | 4                                                                                                   | Yorke, J. R. - - -        | 2                                                                                                   |
| Laird, J. - - -            | 2                                                                                                   | Patten, Colonel Wilson -  | 3                                                                                                   |                           |                                                                                                     |
| Lawrence, W. - - -         | 3                                                                                                   | Pollard-Urquhart, W. -    | 3                                                                                                   |                           |                                                                                                     |
| Leader, N. P. - - -        | 2                                                                                                   | Powell, F. S. - - -       | 5                                                                                                   |                           |                                                                                                     |

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| Anstruther, Sir R. - -      | 2 | Colebrooke, Sir T. E. - -   | 2 | Gibson, Rt. Hon. T. M. -   | 2 |
| Ayrton, A. S. - - -         | 4 | Colville, C. R. - - -       | 2 | Goldney, G. - - -          | 4 |
|                             |   | Cowper, Rt. Hon. W. F. -    | 2 | Göschén, Rt. Hon. G. J. -  | 2 |
| Baillie, Right Hon. H. J. - | 2 | Cranborne, Viscount - -     | 4 | Graves, S. R. - - -        | 3 |
| Baxter, W. E. - - -         | 3 |                             |   | Gregory, W. H. - - -       | 2 |
| Beach, Sir M. E. H. - -     | 2 | Dalgleish, R. - - -         | 2 | Hankey, T. - - -           | 3 |
| Beach, W. W. B. - - -       | 3 | Dent, J. D. - - -           | 3 | Hartington, Marquis of -   | 3 |
| Bentinck, G. C. - - -       | 2 | Dunkellin, Lord - - -       | 2 | Hay, Lord J. - - -         | 2 |
| Benyon, R. - - -            | 2 | Dunlop, A. M. - - -         | 3 | Headlam, Rt. Hon. T. E. -  | 4 |
| Bonham-Carter, J. - -       | 4 | Dunne, General - - -        | 3 | Heathcote, Sir W. - -      | 3 |
| Bouverie, Right Hon. E. P.  | 2 |                             |   | Henley, Rt. Hon. J. W. -   | 3 |
| Brett, W. B. - - -          | 3 | Egerton, Hon. A. F. - -     | 2 | Heygate, Sir F. W. - -     | 2 |
| Bridges, Sir B. W. - -      | 3 | Egerton, Hon. W. - - -      | 2 | Hogg, Colonel J. M. - -    | 3 |
| Bright, J. - - -            | 2 | Egerton Sir P. - - -        | 3 | Hope, A. J. B. Beresford - | 3 |
| Browne, Lord J. - - -       | 2 | Enfield, Viscount - - -     | 2 | Hotham, Lord - - -         | 4 |
| Bruce, Right Hon. H. A. -   | 3 | Evans, T. W. - - -          | 3 | Howes, E. - - -            | 5 |
|                             |   |                             |   | Hubbard, J. G. - - -       | 3 |
| Cardwell, Right Hon. E. -   | 2 | Fawcett, H. - - -           | 3 | Hunt, G. W. - - -          | 4 |
| Cave, Right Hon. S. - -     | 2 | Fergusson, Sir J. - - -     | 2 |                            |   |
| Cavendish, Lord F. C. -     | 2 | Forster, W. E. - - -        | 2 | Jervis, Major - - -        | 2 |
| Childers, H. C. E. - -      | 4 | Fortescue, Rt. Hon. C. P. - | 2 |                            |   |
| Clive, G. - - -             | 3 | French, Colonel - - -       | 2 | Kekewich, S. T. - - -      | 3 |
| Cochrane, A. D. R. W. B.    | 2 |                             |   |                            |   |



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| Kinnaird, Hon. A. F. -    | 2                                                                                                   | Neate, C. - - -         | 2                                                                                                   | Scholefield, Mr. - -     | 2                                                                                                   |
| Knatchbull-Hugessen, E. - | 5                                                                                                   | North, Colonel - - -    | 3                                                                                                   | Selater-Booth, G. - -    | 4                                                                                                   |
|                           |                                                                                                     | Northcote, Sir S. - -   | 2                                                                                                   | Scourfield, J. H. - -    | 2                                                                                                   |
| Laing, S. - - - -         | 3                                                                                                   |                         |                                                                                                     | Solicitor-General, Mr. - | 2                                                                                                   |
| Lanyon, C. - - - -        | 3                                                                                                   | O'Reilly, M. W. - - -   | 2                                                                                                   | Stuart, Colonel W. - -   | 2                                                                                                   |
| Lawrence, Mr. Alderman -  | 2                                                                                                   | Otway, A. J. - - - -    | 3                                                                                                   |                          |                                                                                                     |
| Lawson, Rt. Hon. J. A. -  | 2                                                                                                   |                         |                                                                                                     | Tita, W. - - - -         | 3                                                                                                   |
| Leeman, G. - - - -        | 4                                                                                                   | Packe, Colonel - - -    | 2                                                                                                   | Trevelyan, G. O. - -     | 2                                                                                                   |
| Lefevre, G. J. S. - - -   | 3                                                                                                   | Patten, Right Hon. W. - | 4                                                                                                   | Turner, C. - - - -       | 2                                                                                                   |
| Liddell, Hon. H. G. - -   | 2                                                                                                   | Paull, H. - - - -       | 2                                                                                                   |                          |                                                                                                     |
| Lowe, Right Hon. R. - -   | 3                                                                                                   | Potter, E. - - - -      | 2                                                                                                   |                          |                                                                                                     |
| Lusk, A. - - - -          | 2                                                                                                   | Powell, F. S. - - -     | 3                                                                                                   | Vivian, H. H. - - -      | 2                                                                                                   |
|                           |                                                                                                     |                         |                                                                                                     | Vivian, Hon. J. C. W. -  | 4                                                                                                   |
| M'Lagan, P. - - - -       | 2                                                                                                   |                         |                                                                                                     |                          |                                                                                                     |
| Manners, Lord J. - - -    | 2                                                                                                   | Read, C. S. - - - -     | 4                                                                                                   |                          |                                                                                                     |
| Maxwell, Sir W. S. - - -  | 3                                                                                                   | Russell, F. - - - -     | 3                                                                                                   | Watkin, E. W. - - -      | 2                                                                                                   |
| Moncreiff, J. - - - -     | 2                                                                                                   |                         |                                                                                                     | Whitbread, S. - - -      | 6                                                                                                   |
| Montagu, Lord R. - - -    | 4                                                                                                   | Sandford, G. M. W. - -  | 2                                                                                                   | Woodd, B. T. - - -       | 3                                                                                                   |
| Montgomery, Sir G. - -    | 2                                                                                                   |                         |                                                                                                     |                          |                                                                                                     |

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| Acland, T. D. - - -         | 2 | French, Right Hon. F. -   | 3 | Montagu, Right Honourable  | 3 |
| Akroyd, E. - - - -          | 2 | Freshfield, C. K. - -     | 3 | Lord R. - - - -            |   |
| Anson, Hon. A. - - -        | 2 |                           |   | Montgomery, Sir G. -       | 2 |
| Ayrton, A. S. - - -         | 5 | Gavin, G. - - - -         | 2 | Murphy, N. D. - - -        | 2 |
|                             |   | Goldney, Gabriel - - -    | 2 |                            |   |
| Baines, E. - - - -          | 2 | Goldsmid, Sir F. H. -     | 2 | Neate, C. - - - -          | 2 |
| Baxter, W. E. - - -         | 2 | Goschen, Right Hon. G. J. | 6 | North, Colonel - - -       | 2 |
| Bazley, T. - - - -          | 2 | Graham, W. - - - -        | 2 |                            |   |
| Beach, Sir M. H. - - -      | 2 | Graves, S. R. - - - -     | 4 | O'Connor Don, The - -      | 3 |
| Bentinck, G. C. - - -       | 2 | Gregory, W. H. - - -      | 3 | O'Loughlen, Sir C. M. -    | 5 |
| Benyon, R. - - - -          | 3 | Griffith, C. D. - - -     | 2 | O'Reilly, M. W. - - -      | 2 |
| Bonham-Carter, J. - - -     | 3 |                           |   |                            |   |
| Bouverie, Right Hon. E. P.  | 4 | Hankey, T. - - - -        | 3 | Paull, H. - - - -          | 2 |
| Brett, Sir W. B. - - -      | 2 | Headlam, Right Hon. T. E. | 3 | Peel, J. - - - -           | 2 |
| Bright, John - - - -        | 2 | Heathcote, Sir W. - -     | 3 | Pim, J. - - - -            | 2 |
| Browne, Lord J. T. - -      | 3 | Heygate, Sir F. W. - -    | 3 | Pollard-Urquhart, W. -     | 3 |
| Bruce, Right Hon. H. A. -   | 2 | Hibbert, J. T. - - -      | 3 | Powell, F. S. - - -        | 4 |
|                             |   | Hodgkinson, G. - - -      | 2 |                            |   |
| Cardwell, Right Hon. E. -   | 3 | Hotham, Lord - - - -      | 3 | Read, C. S. - - - -        | 4 |
| Cave, T. - - - -            | 2 | Howes, E. - - - -         | 5 | Russell, H. - - - -        | 3 |
| Childers, H. C. E. - -      | 4 | Huddleston, J. W. - -     | 2 | Russell, Sir C. - - -      | 2 |
| Collier, Sir R. P. - - -    | 2 | Hunt, Right Hon. G. W. -  | 2 |                            |   |
| Cowper, H. F. - - - -       | 2 |                           |   | Salomons, Mr. Alderman -   | 3 |
|                             |   | Kavanagh, A. - - - -      | 2 | Sandford, G. M. W. -       | 2 |
| Dalgleish, R. - - - -       | 2 | Kekewich, S. T. - - -     | 2 | Schreiber, C. - - - -      | 2 |
| Dawson, R. P. - - - -       | 2 | Kendall, N. - - - -       | 2 | Scourfield, J. H. - -      | 2 |
| Dent, J. D. - - - -         | 3 | Knatchbull-Hugessen, E. - | 2 | Seely, C. - - - -          | 2 |
| Duncombe, Hon. - - - -      | 2 |                           |   | Stansfeld, J. - - - -      | 2 |
| Dunlop, A. M. - - - -       | 3 | Laing, S. - - - -         | 3 | Surtees, H. E. - - -       | 3 |
| Dunne, Right Hon. General   | 2 | Lanyon, Sir C. - - -      | 4 |                            |   |
|                             |   | Lawrence, W. - - - -      | 2 | Turner, C. - - - -         | 2 |
| Egerton, Sir P. G. - - -    | 2 | Leader, N. P. - - - -     | 2 |                            |   |
| Egerton, Hon. A. F. - -     | 2 | Lefevre, G. J. S. - - -   | 2 | Vivian, Hon. J. C. W. -    | 2 |
| Enfield, Viscount - - -     | 2 | Lusk, A. - - - -          | 2 |                            |   |
| Evans, T. W. - - - -        | 2 |                           |   | Waldegrave-Leslie, Hon. G. | 2 |
|                             |   | M'Lagan, P. - - - -       | 2 | Walpole, Right Hon. S. H.  | 2 |
| Fergusson, Sir J. - - -     | 2 | Mayo, Earl of - - - -     | 2 | Whitbread, S. - - -        | 3 |
| Forster, W. E. - - -        | 3 |                           |   |                            |   |
| Fortescue, Right Hon. C. P. | 2 |                           |   | Yorke, J. R. - - - -       | 2 |

# COMMITTEES.

RETURN of the Number of COMMITTEES on PRIVATE  
BILLS that sat during the present Parliament ;  
LISTS of MEMBERS of the HOUSE of COMMONS,  
with Figure after Name of each Member, denoting  
the Number of COMMITTEES on which he has  
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## DIVISIONS OF THE HOUSE.

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RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 9 July 1868;—*for*,

A RETURN “ of the Number of DIVISIONS of THE HOUSE in the Session of 1867-8 ; stating the Subject of the Division, and the Number of Members in the Majority and Minority, Tellers included ; also, the AGGREGATE NUMBER in the House on each Division ; distinguishing the DIVISIONS on PUBLIC BUSINESS from PRIVATE ; and also the Number of Divisions before and after Midnight (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.145, of Session 1867).”

(*Mr. Charles Forster.*)

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## SUMMARY OF DIVISIONS.

|                                                        |   |   |   |   |   |     |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Number of Divisions on PUBLIC BUSINESS before Midnight | - | - | - | - | - | 134 |
| Ditto - - - - after Midnight                           | - | - | - | - | - | 80  |
| Ditto - PRIVATE BUSINESS                               | - | - | - | - | - | 4   |
| TOTAL Number of Divisions in Session 1867-8            |   |   |   |   |   | 168 |

## DIVISIONS ON PUBLIC BUSINESS.

| Number of the Printed Division Lists. | DATE.    | SUBJECT OF THE DIVISION.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Ayes<br>(Tellers included). | Noes<br>(Tellers included). | Aggregate Number of Members in the House (Speaker or Chairman included). | Before Midnight. | After Midnight. |
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| 160                                   | July 24  | Adjournment.—“That House at rising do adjourn till Monday.”—( <i>Mr. Jacob Bright.</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 40                          | 107                         | 148                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 26                                    | April 21 | Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings Bill.—(In the Committee.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 28                          | 21                          | 50                                                                       | B. M.            |                 |
| 64                                    | June 11  | Boundary Bill.—(In the Committee):—Clause 4 -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 150                         | 186                         | 337                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 65                                    | „ „      | ———— (In the Committee):—Clause 4 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 93                          | 133                         | 227                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 66                                    | „ „      | ———— (In the Committee):—Second Schedule                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 107                         | 137                         | 245                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 27                                    | April 22 | Burials (Ireland) Bill.—Second Reading - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 76                          | 53                          | 130                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 62                                    | June 10  | ———— (In the Committee):—Clause 1 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 93                          | 124                         | 218                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 63                                    | „ „      | ———— (In the Committee):—New Clause.—( <i>Mr. Lefroy.</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 75                          | 125                         | 201                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 29                                    | April 22 | Canongate Annuity Tax Bill.—Second Reading -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 61                          | 88                          | 150                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 5                                     | Mar. 5   | Capital Punishment within Prisons Bill.—Second Reading.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 183                         | 27                          | 211                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 24                                    | April 21 | ———— (On going into Committee) - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 129                         | 25                          | 155                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 25                                    | „ „      | ———— (In the Committee) - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 26                          | 48                          | 75                                                                       | B. M.            |                 |
| 7                                     | Mar. 11  | Compulsory Church Rate Abolition Bill.—(In the Committee).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 169                         | 32                          | 202                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 12                                    | „ 24     | ———— Third Reading - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 30                          | 133                         | 164                                                                      | - -              | A. M.           |
| 32                                    | April 29 | County Financial Boards (No. 2) Bill.—Second Reading.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 48                          | 156                         | 205                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 61                                    | May 26   | Diplomatic Service.—Motion made, and Question put, “That, in the opinion of this House, all sums required to defray the expenses of the Diplomatic Service ought to be annually voted by Parliament, and that Estimates of all such sums ought to be submitted in a form that will admit of their effectual supervision and control by this House.”—( <i>Mr. Labouchere.</i> ) | 78                          | 74                          | 153                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |



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| Number of the Printed Division Lists. | DATE.    | SUBJECT OF THE DIVISION.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Ayes<br>(Tellers included). | Noes<br>(Tellers included). | Aggregate Number of Members in the House (Speaker or Chairman included). | Before<br>Midnight. | After<br>Midnight. |
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| 1                                     | Nov. 28. | East India, Troops and Vessels (Abyssinian Expedition).—(In the Committee):—Motion made, and Question put, "That, Her Majesty having directed a Military Expedition to be dispatched against Abyssinia, consisting mainly of Troops, both European and Native, at present maintained out of the Revenues of India, the ordinary pay of such Troops, as well as the ordinary charges of any vessels belonging to the Government of India, that may be employed in the Expedition, which would have been charged upon the Revenues of India if such Troops or Vessels had remained in that country or seas adjacent, shall continue to be so chargeable; provided that, if it shall become necessary to replace the Troops or Vessels so withdrawn by other European or Native Forces or Vessels, the expense of raising, maintaining, and providing such Forces or Vessels shall be repaid out of any monies which may be provided by Parliament for the purposes of the said Expedition."—( <i>Sir Stafford Northcote.</i> ) | 200                         | 25                          | 226                                                                      | B M.                |                    |
| 73                                    | June 16  | Ecclesiastical Titles Bill.—On Second Reading,—Adjournment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 144                         | 87                          | 232                                                                      | - -                 | A. M.              |
| 46                                    | May 21   | Election Petitions and Corrupt Practices at Elections Bill.—(In the Committee):—Clause 5.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 76                          | 221                         | 298                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 89                                    | June 25  | — (In the Committee):—Clause 5 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 180                         | 160                         | 341                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 90                                    | " "      | — (In the Committee):—To report Progress.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 70                          | 203                         | 274                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 98                                    | July 6   | — (In the Committee):—Clause 5 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 206                         | 129                         | 336                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 99                                    | " "      | — (In the Committee):—Clause 7 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 33                          | 87                          | 121                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 100                                   | " "      | — (In the Committee):—Clause 10 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 73                          | 138                         | 212                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 107                                   | " 10     | — (In the Committee):—Clause 14 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 150                         | 85                          | 236                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 108                                   | " "      | — (In the Committee):—Clause 14 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 55                          | 187                         | 243                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 109                                   | " "      | — (In the Committee):—Clause 15 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 176                         | 56                          | 233                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 110                                   | " "      | — (In the Committee):—Clause 17 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 74                          | 128                         | 203                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 118                                   | " 14     | — (In the Committee):—Clause 30 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 136                         | 69                          | 206                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 119                                   | " "      | — (In the Committee):—Clause 45 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 177                         | 82                          | 260                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 120                                   | " "      | — (In the Committee):—Clause 45 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 199                         | 28                          | 228                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 128                                   | " 17     | — (In the Committee):—Clause 46 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 76                          | 65                          | 142                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 129                                   | " "      | — (In the Committee):—Clause 46 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 64                          | 86                          | 151                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 130                                   | " "      | — (In the Committee):—Clause 46 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 50                          | 117                         | 168                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 131                                   | " "      | — (In the Committee):—New Clause.—( <i>Mr. Disraeli.</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 98                          | 125                         | 224                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 136                                   | " 18     | — (In the Committee):—New Clause.—( <i>Sir F. Goldsmid.</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 50                          | 81                          | 132                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 137                                   | " "      | — (In the Committee):—New Clause.—( <i>Mr. Fawcett.</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 80                          | 71                          | 152                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 138                                   | " "      | — (In the Committee):—Same Clause -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 86                          | 78                          | 165                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 139                                   | " "      | — (In the Committee):—New Clause.—( <i>Mr. Clay.</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 47                          | 87                          | 135                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 149                                   | " 22     | — As amended, considered.—New Clause.—( <i>Mr. M'Laren.</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 73                          | 85                          | 159                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 150                                   | " "      | — As amended, considered.—New Clause.—( <i>Mr. Labouchere.</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 84                          | 126                         | 211                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |

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| 151                                   | July 22 | Election Petitions and Corrupt Practices at Elections Bill.—As amended, considered.—New Clause.—( <i>Sir Thomas Lloyd</i> .)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 72                          | 132                         | 205                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 152                                   | " "     | ———— As amended, considered.—New Clause.—( <i>Mr. Mill</i> .)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 88                          | 118                         | 207                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 153                                   | " "     | ———— As amended, considered.—New Clause.—( <i>Mr. Ayrton</i> .)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 104                         | 112                         | 217                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 154                                   | " "     | ———— As amended, considered.—New Clause.—( <i>Mr. Mill</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 51                          | 148                         | 200                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 155                                   | " "     | ———— As amended, considered.—New Clause.—( <i>Mr. Schreiber</i> .)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 77                          | 102                         | 180                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 156                                   | " 23    | ———— As amended, considered.—Page 14, line 36                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 94                          | 107                         | 202                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 157                                   | " "     | ———— As amended, considered.—Page 16, line 35                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 112                         | 121                         | 234                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 158                                   | " "     | ———— As amended, considered.—Clause 53 -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 99                          | 117                         | 217                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 159                                   | " 24    | ———— Third Reading :—Amendment to re-commit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 104                         | 93                          | 198                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 146                                   | " 21    | Electric Telegraphs Bill.—(In the Committee):—Clause 15.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 27                          | 70                          | 98                                                                       | B. M.               |                    |
| 19                                    | April 3 | Established Church (Ireland).—(On going into Committee):—"That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Acts."—( <i>Mr. Gladstone</i> .)—Amendment proposed, to leave out from the word "House" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "while admitting that considerable modifications in the temporalities of the United Church in Ireland may, after the pending inquiry, appear to be expedient, is of opinion that any proposition tending to the disestablishment or disendowment of that Church ought to be reserved for the decision of a new Parliament,"—( <i>Lord Stanley</i> ),—instead thereof.—Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 332                         | 272                         | 605                                                                      | - -                 | A. M.              |
| 20                                    | " "     | ———— (On going into Committee):—Main Question.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 330                         | 274                         | 605                                                                      | - -                 | A. M.              |
| 33                                    | " 30    | ———— (In the Committee):—1. Question proposed, "That it is necessary that the Established Church of Ireland should cease to exist as an Establishment, due regard being had to all personal interests and to all individual rights of property."—( <i>Mr. Gladstone</i> .)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 332                         | 267                         | 600                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 34                                    | May 7   | ———— (In the Committee):—New Resolution :—Motion made, and Question proposed, "That when the Anglican Church in Ireland is disestablished and disendowed, it is right and necessary that the Grant to Maynooth and the Regium Donum be discontinued; and that no part of the secularised funds of the Anglican Church, or any State funds whatever, be applied in any way, or under any form, to the endowment or furtherance of the Roman Catholic religion in Ireland, or to the establishment or maintenance of Roman Catholic denominational schools or colleges."—( <i>Mr. Sinclair Aytoun</i> .)—Amendment proposed, to leave out from the first word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "when legislative effect shall have been given to the First Resolution of this Committee respecting the Established Church of Ireland, it is right and necessary that the Grant to Maynooth and the Regium Donum be discontinued,"—( <i>Mr. Whitbread</i> ),—instead thereof.—Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Resolution." | 87                          | 200                         | 288                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |



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| 35                                    | May 7   | Established Church (Ireland).—(In the Committee):—Question proposed, "That the words 'when legislative effect shall have been given to the First Resolution of this Committee respecting the Established Church of Ireland, it is right and necessary that the Grant to Maynooth and the Regium Donum be discontinued' be added," instead thereof.—Amendment proposed to the said proposed Amendment, by adding the words "due regard being had to all personal interests."—( <i>Mr. Gladstone.</i> ) Question, "That those words be there added,"—put, and agreed to:—Amendment proposed to the said proposed Amendments, as amended, by adding the words "and that no part of the endowment of the Anglican Church be applied to the endowment of the institutions of other religious communions."—( <i>Mr. Greene.</i> )—Question proposed, "That those words be added to the said proposed Amendment, as amended."—Question put, "That those words be added to the said proposed Amendment, as amended."                                    | 99                          | 134                         | 234                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 48                                    | " 22    | Established Church (Ireland) Bill.—Second Reading.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 314                         | 260                         | 575                                                                      | - -                 | A. M.              |
| 59                                    | June 5  | — " That it be an Instruction to the Committee, that they have power to provide in the said Bill, that the tenure of every office connected with the College of Maynooth be subject to like conditions with those to which official tenures connected with the Established Church in Ireland will be subject after the passing of this Act, and that no money shall be payable under the Act 8 & 9 Vict. c. 25, to the Trustees of the College of Maynooth for or for the use of any senior student or other student to be admitted after the passing of this Act."—( <i>Mr. Sinclair Aytoun.</i> )—Amendment proposed, to leave out from the words "Bill, that" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "every person who shall be appointed to any office in the College of Maynooth, after the passing of this Act, shall hold the said office subject to the pleasure of Parliament,"—( <i>Colonel Greville-Nugent.</i> ) instead thereof.—Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question." | 111                         | 187                         | 299                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 82                                    | " 22    | Government of India Act Amendment Bill.—(In the Committee):—Clause 1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 147                         | 111                         | 259                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 104                                   | July 8  | — (In the Committee):—Clause 2 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 75                          | 28                          | 104                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 9                                     | Mar. 23 | Grand Jury Presentments (Ireland) Bill.—Nomination of Select Committee.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 19                          | 20                          | 40                                                                       | - -                 | A. M.              |
| 13                                    | " 25    | Grand Jury Cess (Ireland) Bill.—Second Reading                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 59                          | 72                          | 132                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 4                                     | Feb. 18 | Habeas Corpus Suspension (Ireland) Act Continuance.—(In the Committee):—New Clause.—( <i>Mr. Bagwell.</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 20                          | 33                          | 54                                                                       | B. M.               |                    |
| 3                                     | Nov. 29 | India, China, and Japan Mails.—Approval of Contract.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 57                          | 15                          | 73                                                                       | B. M.               |                    |
| 14                                    | Mar. 25 | Industrial Schools (Ireland) Bill.—(On going into Committee.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 84                          | 48                          | 133                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 121                                   | July 15 | Investment of Trust Funds Supplemental Bill.—(On going into Committee.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 18                          | 35                          | 54                                                                       | B. M.               |                    |

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| 87                                    | June 23 | Knights of Windsor.—“That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, humbly representing that, in the opinion of this House, it should not be obligatory on any Naval or Military Knight of Windsor to attend Divine Service in St. George’s Chapel, Windsor, daily or at all, and praying that Her Majesty may be graciously pleased to direct such alterations to be made in the Statutes regulating the Naval and Military Knights of Windsor as shall exempt from attending Divine Service in Saint George’s Chapel, Windsor, all Naval and Military Knights of Windsor.”—( <i>Sir Colman O’Loghlen.</i> ) | 41                          | 85                          | 127                                                                      | - -              | A. M.           |
| 93                                    | ” 29    | Land Writs Registration (Scotland) Bill.—(In the Committee):—Clause B.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 74                          | 21                          | 96                                                                       | - -              | A. M.           |
| 44                                    | May 20  | Libel Bill.—(On going into Committee) - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 110                         | 40                          | 151                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 45                                    | ” ”     | ———— (In the Committee):—Clause 3 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 91                          | 56                          | 148                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 10                                    | Mar. 24 | London Coal and Wine Duties Continuance Bill.—(On going into Committee.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 149                         | 35                          | 185                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 11                                    | ” ”     | ———— (In the Committee):—Clause 2 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 32                          | 148                         | 181                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 18                                    | ” 26    | ———— (On Consideration):—New Clause.—( <i>Mr. Ayrton.</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 30                          | 84                          | 115                                                                      | - -              | A. M.           |
| 61                                    | June 10 | Married Women’s Property Bill.—Second Reading<br>Mr. Speaker gave his Vote with the Ayes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 125                         | 125                         | 151                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 92                                    | ” 29    | Metropolitan Police Funds Bill.—Second Reading                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 194                         | 24                          | 219                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 2                                     | Nov. 28 | Metropolitan Streets Act (1867) Amendment.—(In the Committee.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 75                          | 32                          | 108                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 97                                    | July 3  | Metropolitan Foreign Cattle Market Bill.—(On going into Committee):—Adjournment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 81                          | 226                         | 308                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 123                                   | ” 16    | ———— Amendment on going into Committee -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 193                         | 84                          | 278                                                                      | - -              | A. M.           |
| 124                                   | ” ”     | ———— Adjournment of the Debate - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 57                          | 157                         | 215                                                                      | - -              | A. M.           |
| 125                                   | ” ”     | ———— Adjournment of the House - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 40                          | 133                         | 174                                                                      | - -              | A. M.           |
| 126                                   | ” ”     | ———— Adjournment of the Debate - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 32                          | 132                         | 165                                                                      | - -              | A. M.           |
| 127                                   | ” ”     | ———— Adjournment of the House - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 33                          | 134                         | 168                                                                      | - -              | A. M.           |
| 141                                   | ” 20    | ———— (In the Committee):—Clause 2 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 136                         | 54                          | 191                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 142                                   | ” ”     | ———— To report progress - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 39                          | 134                         | 174                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 143                                   | ” ”     | ———— (In the Committee):—Clause 3 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 115                         | 28                          | 144                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 144                                   | ” ”     | ———— To report progress - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 38                          | 93                          | 132                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 145                                   | ” ”     | ———— To report progress - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 35                          | 54                          | 90                                                                       | B. M.            |                 |
| 161                                   | ” 24    | ———— To report progress - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 34                          | 107                         | 142                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 162                                   | ” ”     | ———— Clause 3 - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 85                          | 33                          | 119                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 38                                    | May 12  | Military at Elections (Ireland) Bill.—On Second Reading.—Adjournment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 39                          | 59                          | 99                                                                       | - -              | A. M.           |
| 95                                    | June 30 | ———— Second Reading - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 57                          | 98                          | 156                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |



## Divisions on Public Business—continued.

| Number of the Printed Division Lists. | DATE.   | SUBJECT OF THE DIVISION.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Ayes<br>(Tellers included). | Noes<br>(Tellers included). | Aggregate Number of Members in the House (Speaker or Chairman included). | Before Midnight. | After Midnight. |
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| 102                                   | July 8  | Mines Assessment Bill.—(In the Committee) -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 121                         | 8                           | 130                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 17                                    | Mar. 26 | Mutiny Bill.—(In the Committee):—Clause 22 -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 129                         | 154                         | 284                                                                      | - -              | A. M.           |
| 72                                    | June 16 | Nova Scotia.—“That this House is informed, by a Petition presented on the 15th day of May last, signed by 36 out of 38 Members of the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, and by 16 out of 19 Members elected by that Colony to the House of Commons at Ottawa, that great dissatisfaction prevails in Nova Scotia with the Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled ‘An Act for the Union of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick:’—And that an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that She will be graciously pleased to appoint a Commission or Commissioners to proceed to Nova Scotia for the purpose of examining into the causes of the alleged discontent, with a view to their consideration and removal.”—( <i>Mr. Bright.</i> ) | 89                          | 185                         | 275                                                                      | - -              | A. M.           |
| 90                                    | July 1  | Oxford and Cambridge Universities Bill.—Second Reading.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 200                         | 142                         | 343                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 132                                   | „ 17    | Poor Relief Bill [Lords].—(In the Committee):—Clause 3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 29                          | 79                          | 109                                                                      | - -              | A. M.           |
| 133                                   | „ „     | ———— (In the Committee):—Clause 3 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 27                          | 75                          | 103                                                                      | - -              | A. M.           |
| 134                                   | „ „     | ———— (In the Committee):—Clause 3 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 73                          | 31                          | 105                                                                      | - -              | A. M.           |
| 147                                   | „ 21    | ———— (In the Committee):—Clause 6 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 60                          | 29                          | 90                                                                       | B. M.            |                 |
| 148                                   | „ „     | ———— To report progress - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 27                          | 57                          | 85                                                                       | B. M.            |                 |
| 164                                   | „ 27    | ———— (In the Committee):—Clause 10 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 20                          | 68                          | 89                                                                       | B. M.            |                 |
| 165                                   | „ „     | ———— (In the Committee):—Clause K. -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 58                          | 15                          | 74                                                                       | B. M.            |                 |
| 166                                   | „ „     | ———— (In the Committee):—New Clause.—( <i>Mr. Taylor.</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 7                           | 34                          | 42                                                                       | B. M.            |                 |
| 103                                   | „ 8     | Promissory Oaths Bill.—(In the Committee) -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 81                          | 53                          | 135                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 71                                    | June 16 | Public Schools Bill.—(In the Committee):—Clause 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 154                         | 71                          | 226                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 84                                    | „ 23    | ———— (In the Committee):—Clause 5 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 111                         | 27                          | 139                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 85                                    | „ „     | ———— (In the Committee):—Clause 6 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 135                         | 11                          | 147                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 86                                    | „ „     | ———— (In the Committee):—Clause 16 -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 142                         | 4                           | 147                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 101                                   | July 7  | ———— (In the Committee):—New Clause.—( <i>Mr. Ayrton.</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 42                          | 98                          | 141                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 167                                   | „ 28    | ———— (In the Committee):—Consideration of Lords’ Amendments.—To disagree to certain Amendments.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 30                          | 20                          | 51                                                                       | B. M.            |                 |
| 140                                   | „ 20    | Registration (Ireland) Bill.—(In the Committee):—Clause 34.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 76                          | 86                          | 163                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 163                                   | „ 25    | Regulation of Railways Bill [Lords].—(In Committee):—New Clause.—( <i>Mr. Sheridan.</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 40                          | 18                          | 59                                                                       | B. M.            |                 |
| 69                                    | June 15 | Representation of the People (Ireland) Bill.—(In the Committee):—Clause 3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 190                         | 179                         | 370                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 70                                    | „ „     | ———— (In the Committee):—Clause 18 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 136                         | 88                          | 225                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 74                                    | „ 18    | ———— (In the Committee):—New Clause.—(Dublin and Queen’s Universities).—( <i>Mr. C. Fortescue.</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 175                         | 185                         | 361                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 75                                    | „ „     | ———— (In the Committee):—New Clause.—(Freemen’s Franchise).—( <i>Sir C. O’Loghlen.</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 111                         | 157                         | 269                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 76                                    | „ „     | ———— (In the Committee):—New Clause.—(Queen’s University).—( <i>Mr. Fawcett.</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 57                          | 212                         | 270                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |

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| 77                                    | June 18 | Representation of the People (Ireland) Bill.—(In the Committee):—New Clause,—(Occupation Franchise in Counties.)—( <i>Colonel French.</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 207                         | 243                         | 451                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 78                                    | " "     | — (In the Committee):—To report progress.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 81                          | 291                         | 373                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 79                                    | " "     | — (In the Committee):—New Clause,—(Ballot.)—( <i>Sir John Gray.</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 128                         | 227                         | 356                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 83                                    | " 22    | — As amended, considered.—New Clause,—(Franchise in Boroughs and Counties of Towns.)—( <i>Sir F. Heygate.</i> )—Adjournment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 158                         | 200                         | 359                                                                      | - -                 | A. M.              |
| 41                                    | May 18  | Representation of the People (Scotland) Bill.—(On going into Committee):—"That it be an Instruction to the Committee that, instead of adding to the numbers of The House, they have power to disfranchise Boroughs in England having, by the Census Returns of 1861, less than 5,000 Inhabitants,"—( <i>Mr. Baxter.</i> )—Amendment proposed, to leave out from the word "power" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "to take one seat from Boroughs in England returning two Members, and having, by the Census Returns of 1861, less than 12,000 Inhabitants,"—( <i>Sir Rainald Knightley.</i> )—instead thereof.—Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question." | 219                         | 198                         | 418                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 42                                    | " "     | — (In the Committee):—Clause 3 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 98                          | 120                         | 219                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 49                                    | " 25    | — (In the Committee):—Clause 8 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 224                         | 263                         | 488                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 50                                    | " "     | — (In the Committee):—Clause 8 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 97                          | 264                         | 362                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 53                                    | " 28    | — (In the Committee):—Clause 9 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 187                         | 246                         | 434                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 54                                    | " "     | — (In the Committee):—Clause 9 - -<br>(The Speaker gave his vote with the Ayes.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 114                         | 114                         | 229                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 55                                    | " "     | — (In the Committee):—Clause 11 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 105                         | 197                         | 303                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 56                                    | " "     | — (In the Committee):—Clause 12 - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 208                         | 143                         | 352                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 60                                    | June 8  | — (In the Committee):—Schedule A. -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 88                          | 93                          | 182                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 105                                   | July 9  | — Consideration of Lords' Amendments -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 126                         | 106                         | 233                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 67                                    | June 12 | Revenue Officers Disabilities Removal Bill.—(On going into Committee):—Adjournment of the Debate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 38                          | 54                          | 93                                                                       | - -                 | A. M.              |
| 68                                    | " "     | — (On going into Committee):—Adjournment of the House.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 35                          | 44                          | 80                                                                       | - -                 | A. M.              |
| 94                                    | " 30    | — (On going into Committee):—To defer for three months.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 81                          | 49                          | 131                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 111                                   | July 10 | Sale of Poisons and Pharmacy Act Amendment Bill.—(In the Committee):—Clause 1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 51                          | 27                          | 79                                                                       | - -                 | A. M.              |
| 112                                   | " "     | — (In the Committee):—To report progress.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 35                          | 41                          | 77                                                                       | - -                 | A. M.              |
| 122                                   | " 15    | — (In the Committee):—Clause 16 -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 32                          | 59                          | 92                                                                       | B. M.               |                    |
| 135                                   | " 17    | — (In the Committee):—New Clause.—( <i>Lord Elcho.</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 4                           | 16                          | 21                                                                       | - -                 | A. M.              |
| 80                                    | June 22 | Sea Fisheries Bill.—Consideration of Lords' Amendments.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 127                         | 135                         | 263                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |
| 81                                    | " "     | — Consideration of Lords' Amendments -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 77                          | 48                          | 126                                                                      | B. M.               |                    |



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| 28                                    | April 22 | Sunday Trading Bill.—Second Reading - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 70                             | 33                             | 104                                                                                        | B. M.               |                    |
| 30                                    | " 24     | Supply.—(On going into Committee):—"That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:"—Amendment proposed, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "In the opinion of this House, the expenses of the Copyhold, Inclosure, and Tithe Commission, Inclosure and Drainage Acts, and Charity Commission, ought not to be borne by the public,"—( <i>Mr. Goldney</i> ,)—instead thereof.—Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question."                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 106                            | 107                            | 214                                                                                        | B. M.               |                    |
| 31                                    | " "      | ——— Question put, "That those words be there added."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 108                            | 107                            | 216                                                                                        | B. M.               |                    |
| 36                                    | May 8    | ——— (On going into Committee):—"That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:"—Amendment proposed, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "In the opinion of this House, no further outlay on the Fortifications for the defence of the United Kingdom and of the Colonies, except such as may be absolutely necessary under existing Contracts, or to complete works which cannot be suspended without serious inconvenience, ought to be incurred until the Report of the Committee recently appointed shall have been laid before this House,"—( <i>Mr. Childers</i> ,)—instead thereof.—Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question." | 95                             | 50                             | 146                                                                                        | B. M.               |                    |
| 88                                    | June 25  | ——— (On going into Committee):—"That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:"—Amendment proposed, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "In the opinion of this House, the Peel Statue ought to be removed from its present site in New Palace Yard,"—( <i>Lord Elcho</i> ,)—instead thereof.—Question put, "That that the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 73                             | 184                            | 258                                                                                        | B. M.               |                    |
| 91                                    | " 29     | ——— (On going into Committee):—"That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:"—Amendment proposed, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the recent appointment of Architects for the New Public Buildings in the Metropolis,"—( <i>Mr. Goldsmid</i> ,)—instead thereof.—Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 92                             | 47                             | 140                                                                                        | B. M.               |                    |
| 113                                   | July 13  | ——— (On going into Committee):—"That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:"—Amendment proposed, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "a Scientific Inquiry be instituted, to take into consideration the leading characteristics that should be adopted in the future construction of the Vessels of the Navy,"—( <i>Mr. Seely</i> ,)—instead thereof.—Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 49                             | 39                             | 89                                                                                         | B. M.               |                    |

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| 16                                    | Mar. 26 | Supply.—(In the Committee):—Billiard Rooms in Barracks (to omit the Item).                    | 26                       | 74                       | 101                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 21                                    | Apr. 20 | ——— (In the Committee):—Embassy House at Therapia (to omit the Item).                         | 22                       | 39                       | 62                                                                       | B. M.            |                 |
| 22                                    | " "     | ——— (In the Committee):—Site for Embassy at Teheran.                                          | 72                       | 27                       | 100                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 23                                    | " "     | ——— (In the Committee):—Palaces, &c., partly in occupation by Her Majesty (to omit the Item). | 10                       | 84                       | 95                                                                       | B. M.            |                 |
| 37                                    | May 11  | ——— (In the Committee):—Wages of Marines (to reduce the Item).                                | 75                       | 129                      | 205                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 40                                    | " 14    | ——— (In the Committee):—Pedestals for Statues in Westminster Hall, &c. (to omit the Item).    | 78                       | 236                      | 315                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 57                                    | June 4  | ——— (In the Committee):—Art Catalogue (to reduce the Item).                                   | 36                       | 56                       | 93                                                                       | B. M.            |                 |
| 58                                    | " "     | ——— (In the Committee):—Cultivation of Flax in Ireland.                                       | 45                       | 20                       | 66                                                                       | B. M.            |                 |
| 106                                   | July 9  | ——— (In the Committee):—Military Store Departments.                                           | 33                       | 102                      | 136                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 114                                   | " 13    | ——— (In the Committee):—Steam Machinery (to reduce Vote).                                     | 61                       | 94                       | 156                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 15                                    | Mar. 25 | Tancred's Charity Bill.—Second Reading - -                                                    | 71                       | 85                       | 157                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 115                                   | July 13 | Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill.—(In the Committee):—Clause 3.                                 | 88                       | 24                       | 113                                                                      | - -              | A. M.           |
| 116                                   | " "     | ——— (In the Committee):—Fourth Schedule                                                       | 19                       | 60                       | 80                                                                       | - -              | A. M.           |
| 117                                   | " "     | ——— (In the Committee):—Fourth Schedule                                                       | 34                       | 44                       | 79                                                                       | - -              | A. M.           |
| 47                                    | May 21  | Vagrant Act Amendment Bill.—(In the Committee).                                               | 18                       | 74                       | 93                                                                       | - -              | A. M.           |
| 39                                    | " 13    | Weights and Measures (Metric System) Bill.—Second Reading.                                    | 219                      | 67                       | 287                                                                      | B. M.            |                 |
| 168                                   | July 28 | West Indies Bill.—Consideration of Lords Amendment.—Amendment.                                | 32                       | 31                       | 64                                                                       | B. M.            |                 |

## DIVISIONS ON PRIVATE BUSINESS.

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| 8  | Mar. 17 | Private Bills.—“That the Committee of Selection may refer any opposed Private Bill, or any Group of such Bills, to a Committee, consisting of Four Members and a Referee.”—( <i>Lord Hotham.</i> )—Amendment proposed, to leave out the word “Four,” in order to insert the word “Three,”—( <i>Mr. Milner Gibson.</i> )—instead thereof:—Question put, “That the word ‘Four’ stand part of the Question.” | 164 | 161 | 326 | B. M. |  |
| 6  | " 10    | Salford Hundred and Manchester (City) Courts of Record Bill.—Second Reading.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 106 | 72  | 179 | B. M. |  |
| 52 | May 28  | ——— On Consideration - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 147 | 44  | 192 | B. M. |  |
| 43 | " 19    | Teign Valley Railway Bill.—On Consideration -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 82  | 46  | 129 | B. M. |  |





DIVISIONS OF THE HOUSE.

RETURN of the Number of Divisions of THE HOUSE in the Session of 1867-8; stating the Subject of the Division, and the Number of Members in the Majority and Minority, Tellers included; also, the Aggregate Number in the House on each Division; distinguishing the Divisions on PUBLIC BUSINESS from PRIVATE, &c. (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.145, of Session 1867).

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# PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS.

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“And, like RETURN, tabulated in like manner, as to ACCOUNTS, STATEMENTS, REPORTS, and other DOCUMENTS presented to PARLIAMENT from Time to Time at irregular Intervals (1.) In pursuance of STATUTES; (2.) In accordance with USAGE or CUSTOM.”

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## PART I.

RETURN of the ACCOUNTS, STATEMENTS, REPORTS, and other DOCUMENTS Annually or otherwise Periodically presented to PARLIAMENT in pursuance of STATUTES; showing the Nature of each such Return, the Statute in pursuance of which it is presented to Parliament, and the Sessional Number or Numbers, 1867.

| NATURE OF RETURN.               |                                                                                                   | STATUTE<br>in pursuance of which<br>presented<br>to Parliament. | Sessional<br>Number,<br>1867.                     |
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| Assessed Taxes - - - -          | Cases decided on Appeal by Judges - -                                                             | 4 Geo. 4, c. 11 -                                               | Not printed.                                      |
| Army - - - - -                  | Savings and Deficiencies on Army Votes -                                                          | 28 & 29 Vict. c. 123 -                                          | 32                                                |
| Ditto - - - - -                 | Receipt and Expenditure - - - - -                                                                 | 9 & 10 Vict. c. 92 -                                            | 31                                                |
| Ditto - - - - -                 | List of Officers receiving Half-pay with Civil<br>Appointments.                                   | 29 & 30 Vict. c. 91 -                                           | Not printed.                                      |
| Ditto - - - - -                 | Account of Military Savings Banks - - -                                                           | 22 & 23 Vict. c. 20 -                                           | 320                                               |
| Sulphur Works - - - -           | Report of Inspector - - - - -                                                                     | 26 & 27 Vict. c. 124 -                                          | 3792                                              |
| Augmentation of Benefices - -   | Return of Proceedings under the Lord Chan-<br>cellor's Augmentation Act.                          | 26 & 27 Vict. c. 120 -                                          | 71                                                |
| Gravel Port - - - - -           | Report and General Account - - - - -                                                              | (L. & P.) 6 Geo. 4, c. 170 -                                    | Not printed.                                      |
| Army Prize Money - - - -        | Account of Unclaimed Army Prize Money,<br>from 18 January 1809.                                   | 2 Will. 4, c. 53 -                                              | 502                                               |
| Admiralty, High Court of - -    | Amount received in respect of Fees, and Pay-<br>ments made for Salaries and Expenses of<br>Court. | 30 & 31 Vict. c. 122 -                                          | First account<br>to be pre-<br>sented in<br>1868. |
| Bank of England - - - -         | Annual Account - - - - -                                                                          | 56 Geo. 3, c. 31 -                                              | 45                                                |
| Bankruptcy Court - - - -        | General Return by the Chief Registrar of the<br>Court for the Year.                               | 24 & 25 Vict. c. 134 -                                          | 61                                                |
| Bankruptcy and Insolvency - -   | Returns from the Official Assignees - - -                                                         | - - - - -                                                       | Not printed.                                      |
| British White Herring Fishery - | Annual Report - - - - -                                                                           | { 55 Geo. 3, c. 94 -<br>58 Geo. 3, c. 110 - }                   | 3908                                              |

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| NATURE OF RETURN.                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | STATUTE<br>in pursuance of which<br>presented<br>to Parliament.                                                         | Sessional<br>Number,<br>1867. |
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| Civil List Pensions - - -             | List of all Pensions granted in the Year and charged upon the Civil List.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 Vict. c. 2 - -                                                                                                        | 461                           |
| Church Estates Commissioners - - -    | Annual Report - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 14 & 15 Vict. c. 104                                                                                                    | 3799                          |
| Charity Commission - - -              | Annual Report of Commissioners - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 16 & 17 Vict. c. 137                                                                                                    | 3798                          |
| Copyhold Commission - - -             | - Ditto - - - ditto - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 4 & 5 Vict. c. 35 -                                                                                                     | 3781                          |
| County Treasurers - - -               | Abstract of Accounts - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 15 & 16 Vict. c. 81 -                                                                                                   | 580                           |
| Charitable Funds - - -                | Return from the Official Trustees - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 23 & 24 Vict. c. 138                                                                                                    | 20                            |
| Church - - -                          | Augmentation of Benefices. <i>See A.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                         |                               |
| Court of Chancery - - -               | Return of the State of the Suitors' Funds standing in the Name of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, and the Charges upon the same.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 5 Vict. c. 5 - -                                                                                                        | 106                           |
| Chamber of London - - -               | Annual Accounts of the Chamberlain of the City of London.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2 & 3 Vict. c. 94 -                                                                                                     | 499                           |
| Colonial Governors - - -              | An Account of all Pensions granted to Colonial Governors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 28 & 29 Vict. c. 113                                                                                                    |                               |
| Duchy of Cornwall - - -               | Account of the Receipts and Disbursements in the Year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 & 2 Vict. c. 101 -                                                                                                    | 70                            |
| Duchy of Lancaster - - -              | Account of the Receipts and Disbursements in the Year, and Account of the Capital of the said Duchy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 & 2 Vict. c. 101 -                                                                                                    | 190                           |
| Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Court. | Rules and Regulations - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 20 & 21 Vict. c. 85 -                                                                                                   | Not printed                   |
| Fortifications - - -                  | Account of Moneys raised to provide for the Expenses of Fortifications; the Amount of Annuities created in respect of the same; the Moneys issued out of the Consolidated Fund for the said Expenses; and the Sums remaining to be raised and issued - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 23 & 24 Vict. c. 109<br>25 & 26 Vict. c. 78 -<br>26 & 27 Vict. c. 89 -<br>27 & 28 Vict. c. 109<br>28 & 29 Vict. c. 61 - | 345                           |
| Fisheries - - -                       | Report of the Commissioners on British Fisheries - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | { 48 Geo. 3, c. 110 -<br>55 Geo. 3, c. 94 - }                                                                           | 3908                          |
| Friendly Societies - - -              | Report of the Registrar (England) - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 18 & 19 Vict. c. 53 -                                                                                                   | 515                           |
| Finance Accounts - - -                | Total Income of the United Kingdom, including all the ordinary Revenues and extraordinary Revenues thereof, for the Year ending 31 March; also, Account of the Income of the Consolidated Fund, and of the actual Payments thereout, and Annual Charge upon the Consolidated Fund; and, Account of the Net Produce of all the permanent Taxes of the United Kingdom; and of the Arrears and Balances due from all Public Accountants; and of the Exports and Imports of the United Kingdom, and of the Shipping registered in or belonging to the several Ports of Her Majesty's Dominions, and of the Public Expenditure of the United Kingdom, and of the Public Funded Debt of the United Kingdom, and the Reduction thereof, and of the Unfunded and Outstanding Debt of the United Kingdom. | 17 & 18 Vict. c. 94 -                                                                                                   | 407                           |
| Greek Loan - - -                      | Account of Moneys paid out of Consolidated Fund for Interest and Sinking Fund on that part of the Greek Loan guaranteed by this Country - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 121 }<br>6 & 7 Will. 4, c. 94 }                                                                       | 24                            |
| Gas Companies, Metropolis - - -       | Accounts for the Year - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 23 & 24 Vict. c. 105                                                                                                    | 343                           |
| Gaols - - -                           | Return of Number of Persons Committed for Trial in the preceding Year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 50 Geo. 3, c. 120 -                                                                                                     | Not printed                   |
| Highways - - -                        | Abstract of Accounts (Receipt and Expenditure for the Year).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 12 & 13 Vict. c. 35 -                                                                                                   | 3846                          |
| Harwich Harbour - - -                 | Abstract of Accounts of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Harwich Harbour Conservancy Board; and an Account of their Credits and Liabilities; with Report of the Board on their Proceedings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 26 & 27 Vict. c. 71 -                                                                                                   | 123                           |



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| NATURE OF RETURN.                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | STATUTE<br>in pursuance of which<br>presented<br>to Parliament.   | Sessional<br>Number,<br>1867. |
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| India: Revenues - - - -                     | Return of Liabilities, &c. chargeable on - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | { 23 & 24 Vict. c. 130 }<br>{ 24 & 25 Vict. c. 25 - }             | 48                            |
| Ditto - Loan - - - -                        | Return of Moneys raised - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | { 23 & 24 Vict. c. 130 }<br>{ 24 & 25 Vict. c. 25 - }             | 49                            |
| Ditto - Finance and Revenue -               | Accounts for past Year, and Estimate of Revenue, &c. for the ensuing Year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 21 & 22 Vict. c. 106 -                                            | 251                           |
| Ditto - Home Accounts - -                   | Receipts and Disbursements for the Year -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 21 & 22 Vict. c. 106 -                                            | 252                           |
| Ditto - Progress and Condition -            | Statement of Moral and Material Progress and Condition of India for the Year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 21 & 22 Vict. c. 106 -                                            | 258                           |
| Increase and Diminution (Public Offices).   | Every Increase and Diminution which has taken place within the Year. (Abstract of Accounts printed.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 4 & 5 Will. c. 24 -                                               | 156                           |
| Inclosure Commission - - -                  | Annual Report of Commissioners - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 8 & 9 Vict. c. 118 -                                              | 3780                          |
| Isle of Man - - - -                         | Account of Receipts and Expenditure in respect of the Duties of Customs in the Isle of Man.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 29 & 30 Vict. c. 23.                                              | 552                           |
| Ireland: Lunatic Asylums - -                | Report of Inspectors - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 8 & 9 Vict. c. 107 -                                              | 3894                          |
| Ditto - Public Works - - -                  | Return showing the Amount of Exchequer Bills authorised to be advanced by way of Loans for the purpose of certain Public Works and other Services in Ireland under various Acts; the Sums already issued; the Amounts paid into the Exchequer in repayment of such Advances, and the Balance of Principal and Interest outstanding.                         | 1 & 2 Will. 4, c. 33 -                                            | (In Finance Accounts)<br>407  |
| Ditto - Reproductive Loan Fund -            | Account of Receipts and Disbursements for the Year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 11 & 12 Vict. c. 115                                              | 5                             |
| Ditto - Constabulary - - -                  | Statement of Amount of Constabulary Force employed in each County on 1 January.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 6 Will. 4, c. 13 -                                                | 422                           |
| Ditto - Bankruptcy and Insolvency           | Returns of the Official Assignees - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 20 & 21 Vict. c. 60 -                                             | Not printed.                  |
| Ditto - County Treasurers - -               | Account of the Fees received by Registrars -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 Vict. c. 54 - -                                                 | Not printed.                  |
| Ditto - Charitable Donations and Bequests.  | Report of the Commissioners - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 7 & 8 Vict. c. 97 -                                               | 3797                          |
| Ditto - Ecclesiastical Commissioners.       | Report - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3 & 4 Will. 4, c. 37 -                                            | 371                           |
| Ditto - Education - - - -                   | Report of Commissioners - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 53 Geo. 3, c. 107 -                                               | 398                           |
| Ditto - Fisheries - - - -                   | Report of Special Commissioners - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 5 & 6 Vict. c. 106 -                                              | 3826                          |
| Ditto - Gaols - - - -                       | Number of Persons sent for Trial in the Year -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 50 Geo. 3, c. 12 -                                                | Not printed.                  |
| Ditto - Grand Jury Presentments             | - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | { 49 Geo. 3, c. 84 - }<br>{ 4 Geo. 4, c. 33 - }                   | 428                           |
| Ditto - Loan Fund Board - -                 | Annual Report - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 6 & 7 Vict. c. 91 -                                               | 3838                          |
| Ditto - Militia - - - -                     | Returns relative to Qualification of Officers -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 49 Geo. 3, c. 120 -                                               | Not printed.                  |
| Ditto - Dublin Metropolitan Police          | Annual Account - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 6 & 7 Will. 4, c. 25 -                                            | 344                           |
| Ditto - Prisons - - - -                     | Report of Inspector General - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 7 Geo. 4, c. 4 - -                                                | 3915                          |
| Ditto - Convict Prisons - - -               | Report of Directors - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 17 & 18 Vict. c. 76 -                                             | 3805                          |
| Ditto - Poor Law Board - - -                | Annual Report of the Commissioners - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | { 10 & 11 Vict. c. 90 - }<br>{ 14 & 15 Vict. c. 68 - }            | 3877                          |
| Ditto - Registrar General - -               | Tables of Marriages, Births, and Deaths -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | { 7 & 8 Vict. c. 81 - }<br>{ 26 Vict. c. 11 - }                   | 3860                          |
| Ditto - Queen's Colleges - -                | Report of the President for the Year, for Belfast<br>Ditto - - - ditto - - - Cork -<br>Ditto - - - ditto - - - Galway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 8 & 9 Vict. c. 66 -<br>8 & 9 Vict. c. 66 -<br>8 & 9 Vict. c. 66 - | 3922<br>3907<br>3932          |
| Ditto - Queen's University - -              | Report of the Vice-Chancellor on the Condition and Progress.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 8 & 9 Vict. c. 66 -                                               | 3909                          |
| Ditto - Reformatory and Industrial Schools. | Reports of Inspectors - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 21 & 22 Vict. c. 103 -                                            | 3814                          |
| Ditto - Public Works - - -                  | Return of the Amounts placed at the disposal of the Commissioners of Public Works for Loans under various Acts; showing the Amounts unissued, and the Repayments into the Exchequer on account thereof; the Balance of Principal and Interest outstanding; distinguishing each class of Loans, and showing the Amounts advanced and repaid during the Year. | 19 Vict. c. 18 - -                                                | 3875                          |
| Ditto - - ditto - - - -                     | Annual Report of the Commissioners - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 & 2 Will. 4, c. 33 -                                            | 3875                          |
| Ditto - Pawnbrokers - - -                   | Annual Return - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 5 & 6 Vict. c. 82. -                                              | Not printed.                  |
| Ditto - Court of Probate - -                | See Letter P.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                   |                               |

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| Lunacy - - - - -                                  | Account of Moneys received and paid by the Secretary to the Commissioners of Lunacy in the Year.                                                                                                     | 8 & 9 Vict. c. 100 -                                            | Not printed                            |
| Ditto - - - - -                                   | Annual Return to the Lord Chancellor of Sums received by the Commissioners for Travelling, Personal, and other Expenses in the Year.                                                                 | 8 & 9 Vict. c. 100 -                                            | ditto.                                 |
| Ditto - - - - -                                   | Return to the Lord Chancellor of the Numbers of Visits made, the Number of Patients seen, and Miles travelled by the several Commissioners.                                                          | 8 & 9 Vict. c. 100 -                                            | ditto.                                 |
| Ditto - - - - -                                   | Annual Abstract of Accounts of Moneys received or paid on account of the several Asylums in England and Wales, either to or by the Treasurers, or otherwise.                                         | 16 & 17 Vict. c. 97 -                                           | ditto.                                 |
| Lighthouses - - - - -                             | Annual Account of the Amount expended in Construction, Repairs, and Maintenance of Lighthouses in British Possessions Abroad, for which Dues are levied, and of the Tolls levied in respect thereof. | 18 & 19 Vict. c. 91 -                                           | 323                                    |
| Local Taxation Returns - - - - -                  | Abstract - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                   | 23 & 24 Vict. c. 51 -                                           | Not printed                            |
| Local Government Act (1858) - - - - -             | Annual Report - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                              | 21 & 22 Vict. c. 98 -                                           | 576                                    |
| Land Tax - - - - -                                | Account showing the Expenses incurred in carrying out the Redemption of the Land Tax.                                                                                                                | 42 Geo. 3, c. 116 -                                             | Not printed                            |
| Loan Societies - - - - -                          | Abstract of Accounts - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                       | 3 & 4 Vict. c. 110 -                                            | 402                                    |
| Lunatic Asylums - - - - -                         | Abstract of Accounts - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                       | - - - - -                                                       | Not printed                            |
| London, Chamber of - - - - -                      | Annual Accounts of the Chamberlain of the City of London.                                                                                                                                            | 2 & 3 Vict. c. 94 -                                             | 499                                    |
| Land Registry Office - - - - -                    | Amount received in respect of Fees and Salaries, and Expenses of the Office.                                                                                                                         | 30 & 31 Vict. c. 122                                            | First account to be presented in 1868. |
| Mersey Docks and Harbour Board - - - - -          | Annual Accounts - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                            | (L. & P.) 20 & 21 Vict. c. 162.                                 | Not printed                            |
| Mercantile Marine Fund - - - - -                  | Annual Account of Income and Expenditure, with a Statement showing the Number and Amount of Seamen's Money Orders issued and paid at Ports in the United Kingdom.                                    | 17 & 18 Vict. c. 104 -                                          | 323                                    |
| Merchant Seamen's Fund - - - - -                  | Annual Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure, with an Account of Sums received and paid for Wages and Effects of Deceased Seamen.                                                                     | 14 & 15 Vict. c. 102                                            | 289                                    |
| Metropolitan Police - - - - -                     | Annual Account - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                             | 10 Geo. 4, c. 44 -                                              | 154                                    |
| Metropolitan Improvements - - - - -               | See Works.                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                 |                                        |
| Metropolis Turnpike Roads - - - - -               | Report of the Commissioners of the Metropolis Turnpike Roads North of the Thames.                                                                                                                    | 7 Geo. 4, c. 142 -                                              | 102                                    |
| Margate Pier and Harbour - - - - -                | Annual Account - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                             | (L. & P.) 49 Geo. 3, c. 117.                                    | Not printed                            |
| Metropolitan Cattle Market - - - - -              | Annual Return of the Proceedings of the Corporation of London, &c.                                                                                                                                   | (L. & P.) 20 & 21 Vict. c. 135.                                 | ditto.                                 |
| Mint - - - - -                                    | Account of Sums advanced from Consolidated Fund for the Purchase of Bullion for Coinage, and of the Sums paid to the account of Her Majesty's Exchequer in Repayment thereof.                        | 7 Will. 4, c. 9 -                                               | 16                                     |
| Metropolitan Board of Works - - - - -             | Annual Report of the Board - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                 | 18 & 19 Vict. c. 120 -                                          | 34                                     |
| Ditto - - ditto - - - - -                         | Abstract of Accounts - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                       | 18 & 19 Vict. c. 120                                            | 35                                     |
| Mines - - - - -                                   | Annual Reports of Inspectors - - - - -                                                                                                                                                               | 23 & 24 Vict. c. 151                                            | 3931                                   |
| Medical Education and Registration - - - - -      | Returns of Receipts and Expenditure of General Council and Branch Councils.                                                                                                                          | 21 & 22 Vict. c. 90 -                                           | Not printed                            |
| Municipal Boroughs (England and Wales.) - - - - - | Abstract of the Accounts - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                   | 6 & 7 Will. 4, c. 104 -                                         | ditto.                                 |
| Militia - - - - -                                 | Annual Account of Receipt and Expenditure -                                                                                                                                                          | 9 & 10 Vict. c. 92 -                                            | 31                                     |



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| National Debt: Savings Banks and Friendly Societies. | Gross Amount received from 6 August 1817, and of Expenses incurred in the Year.                                                                                                                                                        | 10 Geo. 4, c. 24 -                                              | 53                            |
| Ditto - - Annuities - -                              | Gross Amount of all Annuities transferred, and of all Sums paid to the Commissioners; and the Gross Amount of Annuities which have been granted.                                                                                       | 3 Will. 4, c. 14 -                                              |                               |
| Ditto - - Military Savings Banks - -                 | Gross Amount of Moneys received and paid by the Commissioners, and Gross Amount of Stock bought and sold on account of "The Fund for the Military Savings Banks" -                                                                     | 16 & 17 Vict. c. 45 -<br>27 & 28 Vict. c. 46 -                  |                               |
| Ditto - - Post Office Savings Banks.                 | Account of all Deposits received and paid during the Year, and of Expenses incurred; together with a Statement of the Total Amount due to all Depositors.                                                                              | 24 Vict. c. 14 - -                                              | 170                           |
| Ditto - - - - -                                      | An Account of Sums received and paid on account of Deferred Annuities and Payments on Death.                                                                                                                                           | 27 & 28 Vict. c. 46 -                                           | 185                           |
| Navy - - - - -                                       | Annual Account of the Naval Receipt and Expenditure.                                                                                                                                                                                   | 9 & 10 Vict. c. 92 -                                            | 30                            |
| Ditto - - - - -                                      | Statement of Savings and Deficiencies on Grants for Naval Services.                                                                                                                                                                    | 28 & 29 Vict. c. 123                                            | 29                            |
| Ditto - - - - -                                      | Account showing the Receipt and Expenditure of Naval Prize, Bounty, Salvage, and other Moneys.                                                                                                                                         | 27 & 28 Vict. c. 24 -                                           | 37                            |
| Oyster and Mussel Fisheries - -                      | Report of the Board of Trade - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 24 & 25 Vict. c. 45 -                                           | 447                           |
| Public Income and Expenditure -                      | Gross Public Income and Expenditure in the Year ended 31 March, 30 June, 30 September, and 31 December; with Balances in Exchequer at commencement and at end of the Year; and Amount of Funded and Unfunded Debt created or redeemed. | 29 & 30 Vict. c. 39 -                                           | 1. 194. 430                   |
| Probate Courts - - - - -                             | Annual Salaries of Judges and others holding Offices in Courts of Probate in London, and Return of Compensations payable - -                                                                                                           | 20 & 21 Vict. c. 77 }<br>30 & 31 Vict. c. 122 }                 | 286                           |
| Ditto - - - - -                                      | - - Ditto - - ditto - - in Dublin -                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 20 & 21 Vict. c. 79 -                                           | 286                           |
| Public Health - - - - -                              | Report of the Medical Officer of the Privy Council.                                                                                                                                                                                    | 21 & 22 Vict. c. 97 -                                           | 394 <sup>5</sup>              |
| Piers and Harbours - - - - -                         | Report of the Board of Trade under the General Piers and Harbours Act, 1861.                                                                                                                                                           | 24 & 25 Vict. c. 45 -                                           | 99                            |
| Pilots and Pilotage - - - - -                        | Abstract of Returns to the Board of Trade relating to Pilots and Pilotage in the United Kingdom.                                                                                                                                       | 17 & 18 Vict. c. 104                                            | 408                           |
| Police, Counties and Boroughs (England and Wales).   | Reports of Inspectors - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 19 & 20 Vict. c. 69 -                                           | 14                            |
| Ditto - - - ditto - - - - -                          | Statement as to Crime. (This Paper is included in the Return of Judicial Statistics.)                                                                                                                                                  | 19 & 20 Vict. c. 69 -                                           | 3910                          |
| Prisons (Great Britain) - - - -                      | Report of Inspectors of Convict Prisons for the Year.                                                                                                                                                                                  | 5 & 6 Will. 4, c. 38 -                                          | 3928                          |
| Poor Law Board - - - - -                             | Annual Report - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 10 & 11 Vict. c. 109                                            | 3870                          |
| Public Debt - - - - -                                | Account of all Additions which have been made to the Annual Charge of the Public Debt in the last Ten Years.                                                                                                                           | 27 Geo. 3, c. 13 -                                              | 22                            |
| Post Office Savings Banks - - -                      | Account of all Deposits received and paid under the authority of the Act.                                                                                                                                                              | 24 Vict. c. 14 - -                                              | 170                           |
| Patent Law Amendment Act (1852)                      | Report of Commissioners - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 15 & 16 Vict. c. 83.                                            |                               |

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| Post Office - - - - -                        | Account of the Gross and Net Produce of the Post Office Revenue of the United Kingdom for the Year ending 31 March, distinguishing the principal Items of Receipt - - -                                                            | 42 Geo. 3, c. 70 -<br>56 Geo. 3, c. 98 -<br>17 & 18 Vict. c. 94 - | 407                                                           |
| Ditto - - - - -                              | Account showing the Appropriation of the Sums granted by Parliament for the Effective and Non-effective Services of the Post Office, and for the Packet Service in the Year.                                                       | 29 & 30 Vict. c. 39.                                              |                                                               |
| Ditto - Government Insurances and Annuities. | Account showing the Amount received for the Purchase of Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, and the disposal of the same -                                                                                                  | 27 & 28 Vict. c. 46 -                                             | 185                                                           |
| Ditto - - - - -                              | Account showing the Amount received on account of Contracts for the Payment of Sums at Death, and the disposal of the same -                                                                                                       |                                                                   |                                                               |
| Ditto - - - - -                              | Account showing the Amount received for the Purchase of Immediate Annuities, and the disposal of the same - - - - -                                                                                                                |                                                                   |                                                               |
| Ditto - - - - -                              | Account showing the Number and Amount of Sums received and paid on account of Government Annuity and Insurance Contracts -                                                                                                         |                                                                   |                                                               |
| Ditto - - - - -                              | Account showing the Number and Amount of Contracts entered into, and the Number and Amount of Contracts in existence on 31 December - - - - -                                                                                      |                                                                   |                                                               |
| Ditto - - - - -                              | Account showing the Amount paid for the Charges of Management - - - - -                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                   |                                                               |
| Queen Anne's Bounty - - -                    | Account of Receipts and Disbursements during the Year.                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 & 2 Vict. c. 20 -                                               | 76                                                            |
| Revenue Departments - - -                    | Accounts showing the Appropriation of the Sums granted by Parliament for the Salaries and other Effective Services, and for the Superannuations and other Non-effective Services of the several Revenue Departments, for the Year. | 24 & 25 Vict. c. 93 -                                             | 26                                                            |
| Russian Dutch Loan - - -                     | Account of the Sums which have been paid and applied within the Year on account of.                                                                                                                                                | 55 Geo. 3, c. 115 -                                               | 25                                                            |
| Registrar General - - - -                    | General Abstract of the Number of Births, Deaths, and Marriages registered in England in each Year.                                                                                                                                | 6 & 7 Will. 4, c. 86 -                                            | 3842                                                          |
| Ditto - - - - -                              | Annual Report; with further and more detailed Abstracts, as above.                                                                                                                                                                 | 6 & 7 Will. 4, c. 86 -                                            | 3913                                                          |
| Ramsgate Harbour - - - -                     | Annual Statement of Receipts and Payments made by Board of Trade in respect of.                                                                                                                                                    | 24 & 25 Vict. c. 47 -                                             | 279                                                           |
| Railways - - - - -                           | Report of Board of Trade on Applications made under "The Railway Companies Powers Act."                                                                                                                                            | 27 & 28 Vict. c. 120                                              | 267                                                           |
| Ditto - - - - -                              | Report of Board of Trade on Applications made under "The Railways Construction Facilities Act."                                                                                                                                    | 27 & 28 Vict. c. 121                                              | 340                                                           |
| Reformatories and Industrial Schools         | Report of Inspectors - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 5 & 6 Will. 4, c. 38 -                                            | 3889                                                          |
| Richmond Bridge - - - -                      | Annual Account - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 13 Geo. 3, c. 83 -                                                | Not printed.                                                  |
| Superannuations (Public Offices) -           | Accounts of Superannuation and Retired Allowances for the Year.                                                                                                                                                                    | 4 & 5 Will. 4, c. 24 -                                            | 155                                                           |
| Sardinian Loan - - - - -                     | Sums issued out of Consolidated Fund and advanced to the King of Sardinia, and Sums received for Interest and Sinking Fund thereof - - - - -                                                                                       | 18 Vict. c. 17 - -<br>19 & 20 Vict. c. 39 -                       | 23                                                            |
| Seamen's Savings Bank - - -                  | Annual Account of all Deposits received and repaid.                                                                                                                                                                                | 19 & 20 Vict. c. 41 -                                             | 278                                                           |
| Salmon Fisheries (England and Wales)         | Reports of Inspectors - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 24 & 25 Vict. c. 109                                              | 440                                                           |
| Soane's Museum - - - - -                     | Annual Accounts - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                          | (Private) 3 & 4 Will. 4, c. 4.                                    | Not printed.                                                  |
| Superior Courts of Law - - -                 | Amount received in respect of Fees and Payments made for Salaries and Expenses of Court.                                                                                                                                           | 30 & 31 Vict. c. 122 -                                            | First account to be presented in 1868 ( <i>see</i> also 317). |
| Shoreham Harbour - - - -                     | Annual Account - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                           | (L. & P.) 56 Geo. 3, c. 81.                                       | Not printed.                                                  |



Part I.—Accounts, &c. presented to Parliament in pursuance of Statutes; showing the Nature of each such Return, &c.—*contd.*

| NATURE OF RETURN.                   |                                                                                                                                              | STATUTE<br>in pursuance of which<br>presented<br>to Parliament. | Sessional<br>Number,<br>1867. |
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| Scotland: Lunacy - - -              | Return of Orders granted by Sheriffs for Admission of Lunatics into Asylums.                                                                 | 20 & 21 Vict. c. 71 -                                           | Not printed.                  |
| Ditto - ditto - - -                 | Return describing the Public, Private, and District Asylums; and showing the Number of Patients received into and discharged therefrom.      | 20 & 21 Vict. c. 71 -                                           | - ditto.                      |
| Ditto - ditto - - -                 | Return exhibiting the Number of Licenses granted by the General Board of Lunacy.                                                             | 20 & 21 Vict. c. 71 -                                           | - ditto.                      |
| Ditto - Prisons - - -               | Annual Report - - - - -                                                                                                                      | 23 & 24 Vict. c. 105                                            | 3782                          |
| Ditto - Police - - -                | Reports from the Inspectors of Constabulary -                                                                                                | 20 & 21 Vict. c. 72 -                                           | 319                           |
| Ditto - Lunacy Commissioners -      | Annual Report - - - - -                                                                                                                      | 20 & 21 Vict. c. 71 -                                           | 3876                          |
| Ditto - Friendly Societies -        | Report of Registrar - - - - -                                                                                                                | 18 & 19 Vict. c. 53 -                                           | 448                           |
| Ditto - Criminal Offenders -        | Tables - - - - -                                                                                                                             | 1 Will. 4, c. 37 -                                              | 238                           |
| Ditto - Criminal Reports -          | Classified Abstract of Reports - - -                                                                                                         | 20 & 21 Vict. c. 72 -                                           | Not printed.                  |
| Ditto - Court of Session -          | Number of Causes instituted and decided -                                                                                                    | 1 Will. 4, c. 69 -                                              | - ditto.                      |
| Ditto - Poor Relief - - -           | Report of the Board of Supervision for Relief of the Poor.                                                                                   | 8 & 9 Vict. c. 83 -                                             | 3764                          |
| Ditto - Highland Schools -          | Sums payable in the Year on account of Grants made to facilitate the Foundation and Endowment of additional Schools in Scotland.             | 1 & 2 Vict. c. 37 -                                             | 15                            |
| Ditto - Registrar General -         | Annual Report of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.                                                                                              | 17 & 18 Vict. c. 80 -                                           | 3888                          |
| Ditto - Turnpike Trusts -           | Abstract Accounts of Income and Expenditure.                                                                                                 | 12 & 13 Vict. c. 31 -                                           | 3936                          |
| Ditto - Assessed Taxes -            | Cases determined by the Judges - - -                                                                                                         | 4 Geo. 4, c. 11 -                                               | Not printed.                  |
| Ditto - Caledonian Canal -          | Annual Report of the Commissioners - -                                                                                                       | 43 Geo. 3, c. 102 -                                             | 487                           |
| Ditto - Court of Session -          | Acts of Sederunt - - - - -                                                                                                                   | { 6 Geo. 4, c. 120 - }<br>20 & 21 Vict. c. 18 - }               | Not printed.                  |
| Ditto - - ditto - - -               | Warrant granting Compensation Allowances to certain Assistant Clerks in the Court of Session, and the Depute Clerk of the Teind Court.       | 1 & 2 Vict. c. 118 -                                            | - ditto.                      |
| Ditto - Register of Entails -       | Warrant granting Compensation to the Keeper of the Register of Entails, &c.                                                                  | 10 & 11 Vict. c. 47 -                                           | - ditto.                      |
| Ditto - Vaccination - - -           | Report on Vaccination in Scotland - -                                                                                                        | 26 & 27 Vict. c. 108                                            | 3809                          |
| Tithe Commission - - -              | Annual Report - - - - -                                                                                                                      | { 6 & 7 Will. 4, c. 71 }<br>14 & 15 Vict. c. 53 }               | 3779                          |
| Turnpike Roads (South Wales) -      | Annual Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.                                                                                                | 7 & 8 Vict. c. 91 -                                             | Not printed.                  |
| Turnpike Trusts (England and Wales) | Abstract Accounts of Income and Expenditure                                                                                                  | 3 & 4 Will. 4, c. 80 -                                          | 3935                          |
| Treasury Chest - - - -              | Account of all Sums received and paid in the Year, and of the Assets and Liabilities of the Chest on the last Day of the Year.               | 24 & 25 Vict. c. 127                                            | 131                           |
| Thames Conservancy - - -            | General Report of the Proceedings of the Conservators of the River Thames, and an Account of Moneys received and expended for past Year.     | (L. & P.) 20 & 21 Vict.<br>c. 147.                              | 460                           |
| Works and Public Buildings - -      | Abstract Accounts of the Receipt and Expenditure of the Moneys granted or otherwise received and appropriated in the Year -                  | { 14 & 15 Vict. c. 42 }<br>29 & 30 Vict. c. 39 }                | 27                            |
| Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues   | Abstract Accounts for the Year - - -                                                                                                         | { 14 & 15 Vict. c. 42 }<br>29 & 30 Vict. c. 39 }                | 28                            |
| Ditto - - ditto - - -               | Report of the Commissioners for the Year -                                                                                                   | { 10 Geo. 4, c. 50 - }<br>2 Will. 4, c. 1 - }                   | 410                           |
| West India Islands, &c., Relief -   | Account of Sums advanced and repaid to various Islands - - - - -                                                                             | { 14 & 15 Vict. c. 42 - }<br>6 & 7 Vict. c. 63 - }              | 39                            |
| Works and Public Buildings -        | Statement of Advances from Consolidated Fund, and of Moneys paid into Consolidated Fund.                                                     | { 11 & 12 Vict. c. 22 - }<br>16 Vict. c. 18 - -                 | 93                            |
| Weights and Measures - - -          | Report of the Warden of the Standards on the Proceedings and Business of the Standard Weights and Measures Department of the Board of Trade. | 29 & 30 Vict. c. 82 -                                           | 3883                          |

## PART II.

RETURN of ACCOUNTS, STATEMENTS, REPORTS, and other DOCUMENTS Annually or otherwise Periodically presented to PARLIAMENT in accordance with USAGE or CUSTOM.

| NATURE OF RETURN.                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Sessional<br>Number,<br>1867. |
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| Army - - - - -                                                      | Estimates - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                | 56                            |
| Ditto - - - - -                                                     | Supplementary Estimates - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                  | 452                           |
| Ditto - - - - -                                                     | Accounts of the Manufacturing Departments of the Army - - - - -                                                                                                                                    | 66                            |
| Ditto, Colonies - - - - -                                           | Estimate of the Cost of Troops in the several Colonies - - - - -                                                                                                                                   | 63                            |
| Ditto, Variation of Numbers from those of preceding Year. - - - - - | Statement and Explanations - - - - -                                                                                                                                                               | 64                            |
| Ditto, Military Reserve Funds - - - - -                             | Account of - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                               | 65                            |
| Ditto, Ordnance Survey and Topographical Depot. - - - - -           | Report of - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                | 3834                          |
| Ditto, Medical Department - - - - -                                 | Report - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                   | 3911                          |
| Ditto, Military Prisons - - - - -                                   | Report on - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                | 3925                          |
| Bank of England, Bank Notes - - - - -                               | Return of the Bank Notes issued by the Issue Department in each Week. - - - - -                                                                                                                    | 103                           |
| Ditto - - Bullion - - - - -                                         | Return of the Amount of Bullion Purchased and Sold in each Month. - - - - -                                                                                                                        | 133                           |
| Convict Prisons - - - - -                                           | Report of Directors - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                      | 3928                          |
| Customs - - - - -                                                   | Annual Report of the Commissioners - - - - -                                                                                                                                                       | 3887                          |
| Civil Contingencies - - - - -                                       | 1. Receipts and Payments in connection with the Civil Contingencies Fund - - - - -                                                                                                                 | 505                           |
| Ditto - ditto - - - - -                                             | 2. The Distribution of the Capital of the Fund at the commencement and close of the Year - - - - -                                                                                                 |                               |
| Ditto - ditto - - - - -                                             | 3. The Total outstanding Balances on the old Account of the Vote for Civil Contingencies on 31st March preceding, and the disposal of those Balances up to the end of the Financial Year - - - - - |                               |
| Coinage - - - - -                                                   | See Mint. - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                |                               |
| Colonial Possessions - - - - -                                      | Reports transmitted by the Governors, showing the state of Her Majesty's Colonial Possessions. - - - - -                                                                                           | 3812                          |
| Convict Establishments at Gibraltar - - - - -                       | Annual Report on - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                         | 3804                          |
| Colonial Possessions - - - - -                                      | Statistical Abstract - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                     | 3943                          |
| Ditto - ditto - - - - -                                             | Statistical Tables - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                       | 3879                          |
| Convict Establishments at Western Australia and Tasmania. - - - - - | Annual Reports on - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                        | 3851                          |
| Commercial Reports - - - - -                                        | Reports received at the Foreign Office from Her Majesty's Consuls. - - - - -                                                                                                                       | 3891                          |
| China - - - - -                                                     | Commercial Reports received from Her Majesty's Consuls in China. - - - - -                                                                                                                         | 3947                          |
| Ecclesiastical Commissioners - - - - -                              | Annual Report - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                            | 3793                          |
| Education - - - - -                                                 | Report of Committee of Council - - - - -                                                                                                                                                           | 3882                          |
| Ditto - - - - -                                                     | Code of Regulations under which the Grant for Public Education in Great Britain is expended. - - - - -                                                                                             | 3778                          |
| Emigration - - - - -                                                | General Report of the Commissioners - - - - -                                                                                                                                                      | 3855                          |
| Factories - - - - -                                                 | Half-yearly Reports of Inspectors - - - - -                                                                                                                                                        | 3914                          |
| Gibraltar - - - - -                                                 | See Convicts. - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                            |                               |
| Harbours of Refuge - - - - -                                        | Quarterly Reports of the Engineers at the Harbours of Refuge at Dover, Alderney, Portland, and Holyhead. - - - - -                                                                                 | 357                           |
| Judicial Statistics - - - - -                                       | Annual Report and Tables - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                 | 3919                          |
| Inland Revenue - - - - -                                            | Annual Report of the Commissioners - - - - -                                                                                                                                                       | 3927                          |
| Ireland: Agricultural Statistics - - - - -                          | Tables showing the estimated average Produce of the Crops - - - - -                                                                                                                                | 3864                          |
| Ditto - - - ditto - - - - -                                         | Observations, &c., by Registrar General - - - - -                                                                                                                                                  | 3929                          |
| Ditto - - - ditto - - - - -                                         | General Abstracts - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                        | 3767                          |
| Ditto - Dublin Hospitals - - - - -                                  | Report, with Appendices - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                  | 3861                          |



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| NATURE OF RETURN.                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Sessional<br>Number,<br>1867.             |
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| Ireland: Judicial Statistics - - -                                                | Annual Report - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 3930                                      |
| Ditto - Lunatic Asylums - - -                                                     | Ditto - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3894                                      |
| Ditto - National Education - - -                                                  | Ditto - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3905                                      |
| Ditto - Prisons - - - - -                                                         | Annual Report of Inspectors General - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3915                                      |
| Ditto - Public Works - - - - -                                                    | Annual Report - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 3875                                      |
| India - - - - -                                                                   | Statistical Abstract for last 15 Years - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 3817                                      |
| Ditto, Railways - - - - -                                                         | Report to the Secretary of State for India on Railways in India - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3856                                      |
| Lunacy - - - - -                                                                  | Annual Report to the Lord Chancellor of State and Condition of the several Houses, Hospitals, Asylums, and other Places visited; of the care of the Patients therein, &c. - - - - -                                                                                            | 366                                       |
| Mint - - - - -                                                                    | Account of all Gold, Silver and Copper Moneys of the Realm Coined at the Mint for each Year during the last 10 Years. - - - - -                                                                                                                                                | 442                                       |
| Miscellaneous Statistics of the United Kingdom (Part V.) - - - - -                | - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3398                                      |
| Manufactures, Commerce, &c. - - - - -                                             | Reports by Secretaries of Embassy and Legation - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 3950                                      |
| National Gallery - - - - -                                                        | Report of the Keeper of the National Gallery to the Treasury - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 7                                         |
| National Portrait Gallery - - - - -                                               | Report of Trustees - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 274                                       |
| Navy - - - - -                                                                    | Estimates - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 57                                        |
| Ditto - - - - -                                                                   | Supplementary Estimates - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 290                                       |
| Ditto - - - - -                                                                   | Statistical Abstract of the Health of the Royal Navy - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 92                                        |
| Parliament, Houses of: Private Bills - - - - -                                    | Various Returns relating to those introduced in the Session - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Printed, but<br>no Sess. No.<br>assigned. |
| Ditto - ditto - Select Committees. - - - - -                                      | Various Returns relating to the Select Committees appointed in the Session - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                           |
| Ditto - ditto - Divisions of the House. - - - - -                                 | Various Returns relating to the Divisions in the Session - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                           |
| Ditto - ditto - Sittings of the House. - - - - -                                  | Various Returns relating to the Sittings of the House in the Session - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                           |
| Public Records - - - - -                                                          | Annual Report of the Deputy Keeper - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 3389                                      |
| Post Office - - - - -                                                             | Annual Report of the Postmaster General - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3926                                      |
| Railways - - - - -                                                                | Return by the Board of Trade of the Number and Nature of the Accidents and Injuries to Life and Limb which have been reported to the Board of Trade - - - - -                                                                                                                  | 516                                       |
|                                                                                   | Return by the several Railway Companies showing the Traffic upon their respective Railways in Passengers and Goods, and setting forth various Particulars - - - - -                                                                                                            |                                           |
|                                                                                   | Return by the several Railway Companies of their respective Working Expenditure, and of the whole of their Rolling Stock - - - - -                                                                                                                                             |                                           |
|                                                                                   | Return by the several Railway Companies of their authorized Share and Loan Capital, and of Sums received in respect of ordinary Capital and Preferential Capital and Debenture Stock, &c. - - - - -                                                                            |                                           |
| Ditto - - - - -                                                                   | Reports of Inspecting Officers on Railway Accidents. (Published generally four times in the Year.) - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                   | 3912                                      |
| Ditto - - - - -                                                                   | Reports of the Board of Trade on the Grouping of Railway Bills - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 8                                         |
| Railway and Harbour Bills - - - - -                                               | Reports of the Board of Trade on those affecting Tidal Waters - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 137                                       |
| Science and Art Department - - - - -                                              | Report of the Science and Art Department of the Committee of Council on Education, including Report of the Director General of the Geological Survey of the United Kingdom, the Museum of Practical Geology, the Royal School of Mines, and the Mining Record Office - - - - - | 3853                                      |
|                                                                                   | Report on the Edinburgh Museum of Science and Art, and Report on the Edinburgh Museum of Natural History - - - - -                                                                                                                                                             |                                           |
|                                                                                   | Report on the Industrial Museum of Ireland and Government School of Science applied to Mining and the Arts - - - - -                                                                                                                                                           |                                           |
|                                                                                   | Report of the Royal Dublin Society, and Report of the Royal Zoological Society of Ireland. - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                           |                                           |
|                                                                                   | Report of the Committee of Lectures, Ireland - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                           |
| Statistical Abstract of the United Kingdom in each of the last 15 Years - - - - - | - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3878                                      |
| Statistical Tables - - - - -                                                      | Relating to Foreign Countries - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 3720                                      |
| Ditto - - - - -                                                                   | Relating to the Colonial and other Possessions of the United Kingdom. - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3879                                      |

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| NATURE OF RETURN.           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Sessional Number, 1867. |
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| Turnpike Trusts - - - -     | Reports by the Secretary of State on Trusts applying for renewal.                                                                                                                                                                          | 3788                    |
| Ditto - - - - -             | General Annual Report - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3934                    |
| Trade and Navigation - - -  | Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom. (Published Monthly.)                                                                                                                                                  | 46                      |
| Ditto - - ditto - - - - -   | Annual Statement of the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions.                                                                                                                         | 3941                    |
| Tariffs - - - - -           | Return of Changes in Tariffs of Foreign Countries (new Italian Tariff).                                                                                                                                                                    | 3293                    |
| Western Australia - - - -   | <i>See</i> Convicts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                         |
| Wrecks and Casualties - - - | Abstract of the Returns of Wrecks and Casualties which occurred on and near the Coasts of the United Kingdom, with a Statement of the Number of Lives Lost and Saved, &c. &c.                                                              | 3901                    |
| Ditto - - ditto - - - - -   | Abstract of the Returns of Wrecks and Casualties which occurred on the Shores of the Channel Islands, on the Shores of Her Majesty's Possessions Abroad, and to British Ships at Sea, and of Casualties reported by Her Majesty's Consuls. | 3902                    |

## PART III.

RETURN of ACCOUNTS, STATEMENTS, REPORTS, and other DOCUMENTS presented to PARLIAMENT from Time to Time at irregular Intervals (1.) In pursuance of STATUTES; (2.) In accordance with USAGE or CUSTOM.

| NATURE OF RETURN.                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Presented in pursuance of Statutes. | Presented in accordance with Usage or Custom.                           |
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| Army: Relatives of Deceased Officers. | Sums paid in lieu of Pension - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                     | - - - - -                           | Presented in each year in which such a case occurs.                     |
| Ditto - Royal Patriotic Fund.         | Account of - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                     | - - - - -                           | Presented by Command, <i>see</i> No. 69 of 1865.                        |
| Ditto - Military Education            | Report of Council on Military Education, on Army Schools, Libraries, and Recreation Rooms.                                                                                                                               | - - - - -                           | In accordance with Custom, 3604.                                        |
| Bank of England - - -                 | Copy of all Applications made in the course of every Year by the First Lord of the Treasury or Chancellor of the Exchequer for Advances to Government authorised by Parliament, with Minutes of the Proceedings thereon. | 59 Geo. 3, c. 76.                   |                                                                         |
| Court of Chancery - - -               | General Orders of the Court - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                    | Various Acts.                       |                                                                         |
| County Constables - - -               | Revised Rules - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2 & 3 Vict. c. 93.                  |                                                                         |
| Cattle Plague - - - -                 | Orders in Council - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                              | 11 & 12 Vict. c. 105                |                                                                         |
| Colonial Governors and Bishops.       | Lists of - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                       | - - - - -                           | 284<br>Presented occasionally, when any great changes have taken place. |
| Customs Tariffs, Colonies.            | Changes made in the Customs Tariffs of Her Majesty's Possessions Abroad.                                                                                                                                                 | - - - - -                           | Presented occasionally.                                                 |
| Colonial Docks Loan - -               | Copies of Agreements for Loans made in aid of the Construction of Docks in British Possessions.                                                                                                                          | 28 & 29 Vict. c. 106.               | 419 of 1867.                                                            |
| Diseases Prevention Act -             | Orders in Council - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                              | 12 & 13 Vict. c. 111.               |                                                                         |
| Epidemic Diseases - - -               | Orders in Council - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                              | 18 & 19 Vict. c. 116.               |                                                                         |
| Friendly Societies - - -              | Quinquennial Report - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                            | 23 & 24 Vict. c. 58.                |                                                                         |



PART III.—Return of Accounts, Statements, Reports, &c. presented to Parliament from Time to Time, &c.—*continued.*

| NATURE OF RETURN.                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                       | Presented<br>in pursuance of<br>Statutes. | Presented<br>in accordance with<br>Usage or Custom. |
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| Government and Life Annuities.                    | Copies of all Regulations issued by the Postmaster General and Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, under the provisions of the Act.                                 | 27 & 28 Vict. c. 43.                      |                                                     |
| Greenwich Hospital                                | Orders in Council relating to the better Government.                                                                                                                                  | 28 & 29 Vict. c. 89.                      |                                                     |
| Harbours                                          | Orders in Council relating to certain Harbours                                                                                                                                        | 28 & 29 Vict. c. 100.                     |                                                     |
| Ireland: Cattle Disease                           | Orders in Council                                                                                                                                                                     | 29 Vict. c. 4.                            |                                                     |
| Ditto - Ecclesiastical Courts and Registries Act. | Rules and Regulations                                                                                                                                                                 | 27 & 28 Vict. c. 54.                      |                                                     |
| Ditto - Nuisances Removal Act.                    | Orders in Council                                                                                                                                                                     | 12 & 13 Vict. c. 111.                     |                                                     |
| Ditto - Poor Law Commission.                      | Ditto - ditto                                                                                                                                                                         | 10 & 11 Vict. c. 90.                      |                                                     |
| Ditto - Peace Preservation Act.                   | Proclamations, &c.                                                                                                                                                                    | 28 & 29 Vict. c. 118.                     |                                                     |
| Ditto - Record of Title Act.                      | Rules, &c.                                                                                                                                                                            | 28 & 29 Vict. c. 88.                      |                                                     |
| Ditto - Sanitary Act                              | Orders in Council                                                                                                                                                                     | 29 & 30 Vict. c. 90.                      |                                                     |
| Ditto - Court of Chancery                         | Statement of Compensation to Officers of the Court for Diminution of Emoluments paid out of Suitors' Fund.                                                                            | 13 & 14 Vict. c. 89.                      |                                                     |
| Local Lights                                      | Reports of Inspectors                                                                                                                                                                 | 25 & 26 Vict. c. 63.                      |                                                     |
| Life Annuities                                    | See Government.                                                                                                                                                                       |                                           |                                                     |
| Labouring Classes' Dwellings.                     | Rules and Regulations under the Act authorising Advances for the Erection of Dwellings for the Labouring Classes.                                                                     | 29 Vict. c. 28.                           |                                                     |
| National Debt Office                              | Report of Assets and Liabilities with respect to Deferred Annuities and Payments on Death.                                                                                            | - - - -                                   | Periodically, at end of each five years.            |
| New Zealand                                       | Account of all Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund on account of the Guarantee of the New Zealand Loan.                                                                          | 20 & 21 Vict. c. 51.                      |                                                     |
| Oxford University                                 | Order in Council                                                                                                                                                                      | 28 & 29 Vict. c. 55.                      |                                                     |
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| Pilotage                                          | Orders in Council                                                                                                                                                                     | 17 & 18 Vict. c. 104.                     |                                                     |
| Superannuations                                   | Treasury Minute authorising the Grant of a special Superannuation Allowance.                                                                                                          | 4 & 5 Will. 4, c. 24.                     |                                                     |
| Ditto                                             | Treasury Minute making Provision for computing the Amount of Superannuation Allowance to Persons holding Professional and other special Offices.                                      | 22 Vict. c. 26.                           |                                                     |
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| Ditto - Lunacy Commission.                        | Ditto - ditto                                                                                                                                                                         | 20 & 21 Vict. c. 71.                      |                                                     |
| Ditto - Nuisances Removal Act.                    | Ditto - ditto                                                                                                                                                                         | 19 & 20 Vict. c. 103.                     |                                                     |
| Ditto - Police                                    | Reasons for Refusal of Certificates of Efficiency.                                                                                                                                    | 20 & 21 Vict. c. 72.                      |                                                     |
| Ditto - Epidemic Diseases.                        | Orders in Council                                                                                                                                                                     | 19 & 20 Vict. c. 103.                     |                                                     |
| Ditto - Births, Deaths, and Marriages.            | Detailed Report of the Registrar General on Births, Deaths, and Marriages registered in Scotland at irregular Intervals, in accordance with Instructions from the Secretary of State. | - - - -                                   | At irregular intervals.                             |
| Ditto - Friendly Societies.                       | Quinquennial Report relating to, with an Account of Sickness and Mortality.                                                                                                           | 25 & 26 Vict. c. 87.                      |                                                     |

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(*Mr. Powell.*)

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## PRIVATE BILLS.

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RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
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RETURNS “of the Number of PRIVATE BILLS introduced and brought from the HOUSE of LORDS, and of ACTS passed in the Session of 1867-8, classed according to the following Subjects:—Railways; Roads and Bridges; Waterworks; Ports, Piers, Harbours, and Docks; Canals and Navigations; Churches, Chapels, and Burying Grounds; Paving, Lighting, and Improving; Gaols and other County Buildings; Inclosures; Small Debts Courts; and all other Bills and Acts:”

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“And, of all PRIVATE BILLS which, in the Session of 1867-8, have been referred by the Committee of Selection, or by the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, to the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means; together with the Names of the Members who served on each Committee; the Number of Days on which each Committee sat; and the Number of Days on which each Member attended (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.143 of Session 1867).”

(*Mr. Charles Forster.*)

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| Aytoun, Mr. - - - -                 | 4.        | Knightley, Sir R. - - - -               | 3.         |
| B.                                  |           | M.                                      |            |
| Bagge, Sir William - - - -          | A. and B. | Mackinnon, Mr. (Lymington) - - - -      | 8.         |
| Bailey, Sir Joseph - - - -          | E.        | Meller, Mr. - - - -                     | 7.         |
| Bathurst, Mr. - - - -               | A. and B. | Melly, Mr. - - - -                      | C. E.      |
| Beach, Mr. - - - -                  | K.        | Monk, Mr. - - - -                       | 2. I.      |
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| Beresford, Captain Pack- - - -      | F.        | Nicol, Mr. - - - -                      | 2.         |
| Biddulph, Mr. - - - -               | A. and B. | O.                                      |            |
| Bingham, Lord - - - -               | I.        | Ogilvy, Sir J. - - - -                  | 5.         |
| Blennerhassett, Sir Rowland - - - - | C.        | P.                                      |            |
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| C.                                  |           | Philips, Mr. - - - -                    | 6.         |
| Carnegie, Mr. - - - -               | 1 A.      | Pim, Mr. - - - -                        | 6.         |
| Cartwright, Colonel - - - -         | 1.        | Pollard-Urquhart, Mr. - - - -           | 8.         |
| Castlerosse, Lord - - - -           | 5.        | Portman, Mr. - - - -                    | G. and H.  |
| Cavendish, Lord George - - - -      | C.        | Price, Mr. Green - - - -                | E.         |
| Cole, Mr. H. - - - -                | 5.        | R.                                      |            |
| Colebrooke, Sir Edward - - - -      | 3. 9.     | Ramsay, Mr. - - - -                     | 1 A.       |
| Colthurst, Sir George - - - -       | 1.        | Rawlinson, Sir Henry - - - -            | G. and H.  |
| D.                                  |           | Russell, Sir C. - - - -                 | 2.         |
| Dent, Mr. - - - -                   | 1. 6.     | S.                                      |            |
| Dillwyn, Mr. - - - -                | K.        | St. Aubyn, Mr. - - - -                  | 2.         |
| Dimsdale, Mr. - - - -               | 7.        | Seymour, Mr. A. - - - -                 | 5.         |
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| Finch, Mr. - - - -                  | 9.        | Smollett, Mr. - - - -                   | 3.         |
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| Foster, Mr. W. O. - - - -           | G. and H. | Surtees, Mr. (Durham) - - - -           | 6.         |
| G.                                  |           | Sykes, Mr. (Beverley) - - - -           | F.         |
| Goldsmid, Sir Francis - - - -       | 4. 7.     | T.                                      |            |
| Grove, Mr. - - - -                  | 7.        | Thompson, Mr. M. W. - - - -             | F.         |
| H.                                  |           | Torrens, Mr. R. (Carrickfergus) - - - - | C.         |
| Hamilton, Lord Claud - - - -        | 1 A.      | V.                                      |            |
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| Hayter, Mr. - - - -                 | I.        | Vivian, Mr. H. H. - - - -               | C.         |
| Heneage, Mr. - - - -                | 2.        | W.                                      |            |
| Henniker-Major, Mr. - - - -         | G. and H. | Walrond, Mr. - - - -                    | G. and H.  |
| Hervey, Lord Augustus - - - -       | E.        | White, Captain - - - -                  | 3.         |
| Hesketh, Sir Thomas - - - -         | K.        | White, Mr. (Brighton) - - - -           | K.         |
| Holford, Mr. - - - -                | 4.        | Woodd, Mr. - - - -                      | 1 A. 5. 8. |
| J.                                  |           |                                         |            |
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| Cardwell, Mr. - - - - - | 9    | Kinglake, Mr. A. - - - - -        | 9    |
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RETURN of the Number of PRIVATE BILLS introduced, and brought from the House of Lords; and of ACTS passed in the Session of 1867-8, classed according to the following Subjects:—Railways; Roads and Bridges; Waterworks; Ports, Piers, Harbours, and Docks; Canals and Navigations; Churches, Chapels, and Burying Grounds; Paving, Lighting, and Improving; Gaols and other County Buildings; Inclosures and Drainage; Small Debts Courts; and all other Bills and Acts.

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|                                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |       |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| Number of Private Bills introduced | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 180   |
| Brought from the Lords             | - | - | . | . | . | . | . | . | 9     |
|                                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | <hr/> |
| TOTAL                              | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 189   |

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### NUMBER of BILLS which have received the ROYAL ASSENT.

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|                                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |       |     |
|----------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|-----|
| Railways                               | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | -     | 75  |
| Roads and Bridges                      | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | -     | 4   |
| Waterworks                             | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | -     | 15  |
| Ports, Piers, Harbours, and Docks      | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | -     | 6   |
| Canals and Navigations                 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | -     | 4   |
| Ferries                                | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | -     | —   |
| Churches, Chapels, and Burying Grounds | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | -     | —   |
| Paving, Lighting, and Improving        | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | -     | 24  |
| Gaols and other County Buildings       | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | -     | 2   |
| Markets                                | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | -     | 3   |
| Inclosures and Drainage                | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | -     | 1   |
| Small Debts Courts                     | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | -     | —   |
| Letters Patent                         | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | -     | 1   |
| Miscellaneous                          | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | -     | 26  |
| Lords' Bills                           | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | -     | 9   |
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| TOTAL                                  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | -     | 170 |

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## OPPOSED PRIVATE BILLS.

RETURN of all the PRIVATE BILLS which, in the Session of 1867-8, have been treated as Opposed Bills; specifying those which have been classified in GROUPS by the COMMITTEE of SELECTION, or by the GENERAL COMMITTEE on RAILWAY and CANAL BILLS; together with the Names of the Selected Members who served on each Committee; the First and also the Last Day of the Sitting of each Committee; the Number of Days on which each Committee Sat; the Number of Days on which each Selected Member has Served; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been Proved; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been Not Proved; the Bills referred back to the Committee of Selection, or to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, as having become Unopposed; and the Bills Withdrawn, or not proceeded with by the Parties.

*Note.*—The Groups to which a Number is affixed, contain Railway and Canal Bills. The Groups to which a Letter is affixed, contain Private Bills other than Railway and Canal Bills.

| Names of Members<br>Selected.                                                                                                                                               | Number of Days on<br>which each Member<br>attended. | Number of Days<br>on which each<br>Committee sat. | First Sitting of the<br>Committee. | Last Sitting of the<br>Committee. | Names of Bills.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Preamble Proved.                                              | Preamble<br>not Proved. | Referred back, as<br>having become<br>Unopposed. | Withdrawn. | Remarks.                                                                                                                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>GROUP 1.</b>                                                                                                                                                             | -                                                   | 7                                                 | 12 May                             | May 20                            | 1. East London Railway -<br>2. Great Eastern Railway -<br>3. Metropolitan and St.<br>John's Wood Railway.<br>4. London and Blackwall<br>Railway.<br>5. Bishop Stortford, Dun-<br>mow, and Braintree Rail-<br>way.<br>6. Metropolitan Railway -                                                                                                   | 15 May<br>15 May<br>19 May<br>19 May<br>20 May<br>- - -       | -                       | 19 May                                           |            |                                                                                                                                                 |
| Mr. Dent, Chairman -<br>Colonel Cartwright -<br>Sir George Colthurst -<br>Sir George Stacey -<br>Sir John Duckworth<br>(Referee).                                           | 7<br>7<br>7<br>7                                    |                                                   |                                    |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                               |                         |                                                  |            |                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>GROUP 1A.</b>                                                                                                                                                            | -                                                   | 5                                                 | 18 May                             | 22 May                            | 1. Metropolitan District Rail-<br>way.<br>2. Thames Embankment<br>(North and South).<br>3. Thames Embankment<br>(Chelsea).<br>4. Park Lane Improvement -                                                                                                                                                                                         | 19 May<br>19 May<br>20 May<br>- - -                           | -                       | -                                                |            | Added, by Order of<br>the House, 7 May.                                                                                                         |
| Mr. Woodd -<br>Lord Claud Hamilton -<br>Mr. Ramsay -<br>Mr. Carnegie -<br>Mr. Hassard (Referee).                                                                            | 5<br>5<br>5<br>5                                    |                                                   |                                    |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                               |                         |                                                  |            |                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>GROUP 2.</b>                                                                                                                                                             | -                                                   | 14                                                | Mar. 23                            | May 1                             | 1. South Eastern and London,<br>Brighton, and South<br>Coast Railway Companies.<br>2. Chichester and Midhurst<br>Railway.<br>3.* London and South Western<br>Railway.<br>4. London, Brighton, and<br>South Coast Railway.<br>5. South Eastern and Lon-<br>don, Chatham, and Dover<br>(London, Lewes, and<br>Brighton) Railways<br>(Abandonment). | 3 Apr.<br>- - -<br>- - -<br>3 Apr.<br>- - -<br>1 May          | -                       | 26 Mar.                                          |            | Discharged, 17 March.<br>Discharged, 17 March.<br>* Transferred to Group<br>3.<br>Added, 17 March.<br>Discharged, 20 March.<br>Added, 20 March. |
| Sir John Hanmer,<br>Chairman.<br>Mr. Monk -<br>Mr. Harvey (Thet-<br>ford).<br>Mr. Nicol -<br>Sir C. Russell -<br>Mr. St. Aubyn -<br>Mr. Heneage -<br>Mr. Hassard (Referee). | 14<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>14<br>14<br>14                 |                                                   |                                    |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                               |                         |                                                  |            |                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>GROUP 3.</b>                                                                                                                                                             | -                                                   | 6                                                 | Apr. 23                            | May 15                            | 1. Acton and Brentford Rail-<br>way.<br>2. Bristol and Exeter Rail-<br>way.<br>3. Great Marlow Railway -<br>4. Great Western Railway -<br>5. Great Western Railway<br>(Dividends).<br>6. Glastonbury and Street<br>Tramway.<br>7. London and South Western<br>Railway.                                                                           | - - -<br>- - -<br>- - -<br>30 Apr.<br>1 May<br>- - -<br>5 May | -                       | 28 Apr.<br>28 Apr.<br>28 Apr.                    |            | Discharged, 3 April.<br>Added, 3 April.<br>Added from Group 2<br>(April 28). Costs<br>awarded against the<br>promoters.                         |
| Sir E. Colebroke, Chair-<br>man.<br>Sir R. Knightley -<br>Mr. Cavendish Ben-<br>tinck.<br>Captain White -<br>Mr. Smollett -                                                 | 6<br>6<br>-<br>5<br>6                               |                                                   |                                    |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                               |                         | 1 May                                            |            |                                                                                                                                                 |

## RETURN of PRIVATE BILLS which have been treated as Opposed Bills—continued.

| NAMES of MEMBERS<br>Selected.       | Number of Days on<br>which each Member<br>attended. | Number of Days<br>on which each<br>Committee sat. | First Sitting of the<br>Committee. | Last Sitting of the<br>Committee. | NAMES of BILLS.                                                                         | Preamble Proved. | Preamble<br>not Proved. | Referred back, as<br>having become<br>Unopposed. | Withdrawn. | REMARKS.                |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| <b>GROUP 4.</b>                     | -                                                   | 2                                                 | 24 Mar.                            | 27 Mar.                           | 1. Buckfastleigh, Totnes, and South Devon Railway.                                      | -                | -                       | 24 Mar.                                          |            |                         |
| Sir Francis Goldsmid,<br>Chairman.  | 2                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 2. Newquay and Cornwall Junction Railway.                                               | -                | -                       | 24 Mar.                                          |            |                         |
| Mr. Holford -                       | 2                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 3. Teign Valley Railway -                                                               | -                | -                       | 24 Mar.                                          |            |                         |
| Mr. Aytoun -                        | 2                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 4. Fareham and Netley Rail-<br>way.                                                     | -                | -                       | 27 Mar.                                          |            |                         |
| Mr. Kavanagh -                      | 1                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   |                                                                                         |                  |                         |                                                  |            |                         |
| Mr. A. Bonham-Carter<br>(Referee).  |                                                     |                                                   |                                    |                                   |                                                                                         |                  |                         |                                                  |            |                         |
| <b>GROUP 5.</b>                     | -                                                   | 7                                                 | 29 Apr.                            | 8 May                             | 1. Cheshire Lines -                                                                     | 29 Apr.          | -                       | 29 Apr.                                          |            |                         |
| Mr. Basil Woodd,<br>Chairman.       | 7                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 2. Great Northern Railway -                                                             | -                | -                       | 29 Apr.                                          |            |                         |
| Sir J. Ogilvy -                     | 7                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 3. Lancashire and Yorkshire<br>Railway.                                                 | -                | -                       | 29 Apr.                                          |            |                         |
| Mr. H. Cole -                       | 7                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 4. Lancashire and Yorkshire<br>and Lancashire Union<br>Railways Companies.              | -                | -                       | -                                                | -          | Discharged, 28 April.   |
| Mr. A. Seymour -                    | -                                                   | -                                                 | -                                  | -                                 | 5. Lancashire Union Railways<br>and London and North<br>Western Railway Com-<br>panies. | 30 Apr.          | -                       | -                                                | -          | Added, 28 April.        |
| Lord Castlerosse -                  | 7                                                   | -                                                 | -                                  | -                                 | 6. London and North West-<br>ern Railway.                                               | 6 May            | -                       | -                                                | -          |                         |
|                                     |                                                     |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 7. Liverpool Tramways -                                                                 | 8 May            | -                       | 8 May                                            |            |                         |
|                                     |                                                     |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 8. Midland Railway -                                                                    | -                | -                       | 4 May                                            |            |                         |
|                                     |                                                     |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 9. Wolverhampton and Wal-<br>sall Railway.                                              | -                | -                       | -                                                |            |                         |
| <b>GROUP 6.</b>                     | -                                                   | 6                                                 | 24 Mar.                            | 25 May                            | 1. Abergavenny and Mon-<br>mouth Railway.                                               | 24 Mar.          | -                       | -                                                | 24 Mar.    |                         |
| Mr. Dent, Chairman -                | 6                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 2. Newport and Usk Railway                                                              | -                | -                       | -                                                |            |                         |
| Mr. Phillips -                      | 6                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 3. Kington and Eardisley<br>Railway.                                                    | -                | -                       | 24 Mar.                                          |            |                         |
| Mr. Surtees (Durham)                | 6                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 4. Brecon and Merthyr Tydfil<br>Junction Railway.                                       | 25 May           | -                       | -                                                |            |                         |
| Mr. Pim -                           | 6                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   |                                                                                         |                  |                         |                                                  |            |                         |
| Sir John Duckworth<br>(Referee).    |                                                     |                                                   |                                    |                                   |                                                                                         |                  |                         |                                                  |            |                         |
| <b>GROUP 7.</b>                     | -                                                   | 9                                                 | 28 Apr.                            | 11 May                            | 1. Glasgow and South West-<br>ern Railway.                                              | -                | -                       | 28 Apr.                                          |            |                         |
| Sir Francis Goldsmid,<br>Chairman.  | 9                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 2. North British Railway<br>(Forth River Railway).                                      | 7 May            | -                       | -                                                |            |                         |
| Mr. Grove -                         | 8                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 3. North British Railway<br>(Various Powers).                                           | -                | -                       | 6 May                                            |            |                         |
| Mr. Dimsdale -                      | 9                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 4. Caledonian Railway -                                                                 | 8 May            | -                       | -                                                |            |                         |
| Mr. Meller -                        | 9                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 5. Dublin, Wicklow, and<br>Wexford Railway.                                             | 11 May           | -                       | -                                                |            |                         |
| Sir John Duckworth<br>(Referee).    |                                                     |                                                   |                                    |                                   |                                                                                         |                  |                         |                                                  |            |                         |
| <b>GROUP 8.</b>                     | -                                                   | 1                                                 | 22 June                            | 22 June                           | 1. Greenock and Ayrshire<br>Railway.                                                    | -                | -                       | 22 June                                          |            |                         |
| Mr. Woodd, Chairman                 | 1                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 2. Holywell Railway -                                                                   | -                | -                       | 22 June                                          |            |                         |
| Mr. Charles Buxton -                | 1                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 3. Belfast Central Railway -                                                            | -                | -                       | 22 June                                          |            |                         |
| Mr. Mackinnon (Lym-<br>ington).     | 1                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 4. Isle of Wight (Newport<br>Junction) Railway.                                         | -                | -                       | -                                                | -          | Transferred to Group 9. |
| Mr. Pollard-Urquhart                | 1                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   |                                                                                         |                  |                         |                                                  |            |                         |
| Mr. Hassard (Referee).              |                                                     |                                                   |                                    |                                   |                                                                                         |                  |                         |                                                  |            |                         |
| <b>GROUP 9.</b>                     | -                                                   | 6                                                 | 9 July                             | 17 July                           | 1. Wey and Arun Junction<br>Canal [Lords].                                              | 9 July           | -                       | -                                                | 9 July     |                         |
| Sir Edward Colebrooke,<br>Chairman. | 6                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 2. Isle of Wight (Newport<br>Junction) Railway [Lords].                                 | -                | -                       | -                                                |            |                         |
| Mr. Antrobus -                      | 6                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 3. Cambrian Railway (Re-<br>vived Line to Dolgelly)<br>[Lords].                         | 9 July           | -                       | -                                                |            |                         |
| Mr. Vanderbyl -                     | 2                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   |                                                                                         |                  |                         |                                                  |            |                         |
| Mr. Finch -                         | 6                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   |                                                                                         |                  |                         |                                                  |            |                         |
| Sir John Duckworth<br>(Referee).    |                                                     |                                                   |                                    |                                   |                                                                                         |                  |                         |                                                  |            |                         |





RETURN OF PRIVATE BILLS which have been treated as Opposed Bills—*continued*.

| Names of Members<br>Selected. | Number of Days on<br>which each Member<br>attended. | Number of Days<br>on which each<br>Committee sat. | First Sitting of the<br>Committee. | Last Sitting of the<br>Committee. | Names of Bills.                             | Preamble Proved. | Preamble<br>not Proved. | Referred back, as<br>having become<br>Unopposed. | Withdrawn. | REMARKS.                |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| <b>GROUP I.</b>               |                                                     |                                                   |                                    |                                   |                                             |                  |                         |                                                  |            |                         |
| Mr. Monk, Chairman            | 8                                                   | 8                                                 | 26 Mar.                            | 15 May                            | 1. Saint Luke's (King's Cross) District.    | -                | -                       | 26 Mar.                                          |            |                         |
| Mr. Harvey (Thetford)         | 8                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 2. Saint Pancras Ecclesiastical Regulation. | 27 Mar.          | -                       | -                                                | -          | Re-committed, May 15.   |
| Mr. Bingham                   | 8                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 3. Eastbourne Gas                           | 30 Mar.          | -                       | -                                                | -          |                         |
| Mr. Hayter                    | 8                                                   |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 4. Farnworth and Kearsley Gas.              | -                | -                       | 30 Mar.                                          | -          |                         |
| Mr. Bonham-Carter (Referee).  |                                                     |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 5. Harlepool Port and Harbour.              | -                | 3 Apr.                  | -                                                | -          |                         |
|                               |                                                     |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 6. Portsmouth Camber Quays                  | -                | -                       | -                                                | -          | Transferred to Group C. |
| <b>GROUP K.</b>               |                                                     |                                                   |                                    |                                   |                                             |                  |                         |                                                  |            |                         |
| Mr. Dillwyn, Chairman.        | 13                                                  | 13                                                | 21 Apr.                            | 7 May                             | 1. General Sewage Utilization (Ireland).    | -                | -                       | 21 Apr.                                          |            |                         |
| Mr. White (Brighton)          | 13                                                  |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 2. New Kilmainham Township.                 | 23 Apr.          | -                       | -                                                | -          |                         |
| Mr. Beach                     | 13                                                  |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 3. County Down and Belfast Borough.         | 1 May            | -                       | -                                                | -          |                         |
| Mr. Thomas Hesketh            | 13                                                  |                                                   |                                    |                                   | 4. Sligo Borough Improvement                | 7 May            | -                       | -                                                | -          |                         |
| Mr. Bonham-Carter (Referee).  |                                                     |                                                   |                                    |                                   |                                             |                  |                         |                                                  |            |                         |

*The following Bill was not Grouped:*

|                              |   |   |         |         |                                                |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Mr. A. Kinglake, Chairman.   | 1 | 1 | 24 June | 24 June | 1. Local Government Supplemental (No. 3) Bill. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mr. Bagwell                  | 1 |   |         |         |                                                |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mr. M. de Rothschild         | 1 |   |         |         |                                                |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mr. Foljambe                 | 1 |   |         |         |                                                |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mr. Bonham-Carter (Referee). |   |   |         |         |                                                |  |  |  |  |  |

*Select Committee on Metropolis Gas Bills:*

|                         |    |    |         |        |                                                  |        |   |   |   |        |                                                                                                       |
|-------------------------|----|----|---------|--------|--------------------------------------------------|--------|---|---|---|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mr. Cardwell, Chairman. | 11 | 11 | 23 Apr. | 3 July | 1. Gas Light and Coke Company Bill.              | 12 May | - | - | - | -      | Referred to the Select Committee appointed by the Committee of Selection on the Metropolis Gas Bills. |
| Mr. John Hardy          | 11 |    |         |        | 2. Imperial Gas Bill                             | -      | - | - | - | 12 May |                                                                                                       |
| Mr. John Peel           | 10 |    |         |        | 3. London Corporation Gas Bill.                  | -      | - | - | - | 3 July |                                                                                                       |
| Mr. Holland             | 10 |    |         |        | 4. Metropolitan Gas Companies Amalgamation Bill. | -      | - | - | - | -      | Not read a second time.                                                                               |
| Mr. Greene              | 11 |    |         |        |                                                  |        |   |   |   |        |                                                                                                       |

Committee Office,  
23 July 1868. }

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## UNOPPOSED PRIVATE BILLS (1867-8).

RETURN of all PRIVATE BILLS which, in the Session of 1867-8, have been referred by the Committee of Selection, or by the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, to the CHAIRMAN of the COMMITTEE of WAYS and MEANS, together with the Names of the Members who Served on each Committee, the Number of Days on which each Committee Sat, and the Number of Days on which each Member Attended (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.143, of Session 1867).

| NAME OF BILL.                                                    | Number of Days<br>on which each<br>Committee sat. | NAMES OF MEMBERS.                                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Aberdeen Town Council [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - -                   | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Captain Stacpoole.                  |
| Acton and Brentford Railway - - - -                              | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.                       |
| Alexandra (Newport) Dock [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - -                | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Fordyce.                        |
| Alexander Scott's Hospital Estate [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - -       | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Captain Stacpoole.                  |
| Allhusen's Naturalization [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - -               | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Yorke.                          |
| Ardmore Harbour [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - -                         | 2                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Fordyce.                        |
| Athenry and Ennis Junction Railway [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - -      | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.<br>Mr. Fordyce.       |
| Barrow in Furness Corporation - - - -                            | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Waldegrave-Leslie.              |
| Barry Railway - - - -                                            | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Yorke.                          |
| Belfast Central Railway [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - -                 | 2                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Yorke.                          |
| Belgravia and South Kensington New Road [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - - | 2                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Dixon.<br>Mr. Allen.            |
| Bolckow's Naturalization [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - -                | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Fordyce.                        |
| Brentford Gas - - - -                                            | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Harvey (Thetford).              |
| Bristol and Exeter Railway - - - -                               | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Captain Stacpoole.                  |
| Bristol and North Somerset Railway [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - -      | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Fordyce.                        |
| Brompton, Chatham, &c., Water - - - -                            | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Harvey (Thetford).              |
| Buckfastleigh, Totnes, and South Devon Railway - - - -           | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Fordyce.                        |
| Burry Port and Gwendreath Valley Railway - - - -                 | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.<br>Mr. Fordyce.       |
| Burslem and Tunstall Gas - - - -                                 | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.<br>Sir Edward Buller. |
| Calverley and Horsforth District Gas [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - -    | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Yorke.                          |
| Carnarvon and Llanberis Railway [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - -         | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Yorke.<br>Captain Stacpoole.    |

RETURN of Private Bills, treated as Unopposed Bills—*continued*.

| NAME OF BILL.                                           | Number of Days<br>on which each<br>Committee sat. | NAMES OF MEMBERS.                                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Caversham Bridge - - - - -                              | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.<br>Sir F. Goldsmid.     |
| Chichester and Midhurst Railway - - - -                 | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Captain Staepoole.                    |
| Clevedon Gas - - - - -                                  | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Yorke.<br>Mr. Neville-Grenville.  |
| Clonmel, Lisimore, and Dungarvon Railway - -            | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Fordyce.                          |
| Cork and Kinsale Railway [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - -       | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.<br>Mr. Charles Forster. |
| Cork and Macroom Junction Railway [ <i>Lords</i> ] - -  | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Fordyce.                          |
| Cork Gas - - - - -                                      | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Arthur Smith-Barry.               |
| Cork Improvement - - - - -                              | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Murphy.                           |
| Dartford Water - - - - -                                | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Harvey (Thetford).                |
| Dee River Company [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - - -            | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Yorke.                            |
| Devon and Cornwall Railway [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - -     | 2                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Dixon.<br>Mr. Allen.              |
| Devon Valley Railway - - - - -                          | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.<br>Mr. Fordyce.         |
| Dingwall and Skye Railway [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - -      | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Captain Staepoole.                    |
| Domville Estate [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - - -              | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Dixon.                            |
| Downpatrick, Dundrum and Newcastle Railway -            | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Captain Staepoole.                    |
| Dublin (City) Steam Packet Company [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Captain Staepoole                     |
| Duke of Richmond's Estate [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - -      | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Allen.                            |
| Dundee Reclamation, Esplanade, and Street - -           | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Yorke.<br>Sir John Ogilvy.        |
| Dunn Gardner's Estate [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - - -        | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.<br>Mr. Fordyce.         |
| Fareham and Netley Railway - - - - -                    | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Harvey (Thetford).                |
| Farnworth and Kearsley Gas - - - - -                    | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Algernon Egerton.                 |



RETURN of Private Bills, treated as Unopposed Bills—*continued*.

| NAME OF BILL                                                        | Number of Days<br>on which each<br>Committee sat. | NAMES OF MEMBERS.                            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Gardiner's Patent [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - - -                        | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Captain Stacpoole.            |
| General Sewage Utilization (Ireland) ( <i>not proceeded with</i> ). | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.                 |
| Glasgow and South Western Railway - - - - -                         | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.                 |
| Glastonbury and Street Tramway - - - - -                            | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Fordyce.                  |
| Grand Junction Water - - - - -                                      | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Fordyce.                  |
| Great Marlow Railway - - - - -                                      | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Matheson.                 |
| Great Northern Railway - - - - -                                    | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.                 |
| Greenock and Ayrshire Railway [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - - -            | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Yorke.                    |
| Hamp's Estate [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - - -                            | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Captain Stacpoole.            |
| Haverfordwest Borough - - - - -                                     | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Yorke.<br>Mr. Scourfield. |
| Holywell Railway [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - - -                         | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Yorke.                    |
| Humber Conservancy - - - - -                                        | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.                 |
| Hythe and Sandgate Gas - - - - -                                    | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Captain Stacpoole.            |
| Ilfracombe Railway [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - - -                       | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Fordyce.                  |
| Isle of Wight (Newport Junction Railway) [ <i>Lords</i> ] -         | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Dixon.                    |
| Kennington Market [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - - -                        | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Yorke.                    |
| Kington and Eardisley Railway - - - - -                             | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Waldegrave-Leslie.        |
| Lambeth Market [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - - -                           | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Fordyce.                  |
| Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway - - - - -                          | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Yorke.                    |
| Lancashire and Yorkshire and Lancashire Union Railways Companies.   | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Yorke.                    |
| Leamington Priors Local Board of Health - - -                       | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Wise.                     |
| Leeds New Gas [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - - -                            | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Yorke.                    |

RETURN of Private Bills, treated as Unopposed Bills—*continued.*

| NAME OF BILL.                                                                                                                  | Number of Days<br>on which each<br>Committee sat. | NAMES OF MEMBERS.                                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Leicester Improvement, Drainage, and Markets - - -                                                                             | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Captain Stacpoole.                   |
| Lewes Water [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - - -                                                                                         | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Matheson.                        |
| Lincoln Corporation - - - - -                                                                                                  | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.                        |
| Llynvi Valley Gas - - - - -                                                                                                    | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.                        |
| London and North-Western, and Knighton, Central<br>Wales, and Central Wales Extension Railway Com-<br>panies [ <i>Lords</i> ]. | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Yorke.<br>Captain Stacpoole.     |
| Loughborough Gas - - - - -                                                                                                     | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.                        |
| Loughborough Local Board - - - - -                                                                                             | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Hartopp.                         |
| Marylebone (Stingo-lane) Improvement - - -                                                                                     | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.                        |
| Mersey Railway [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - - -                                                                                      | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Fordyce.                         |
| Merthyr Tydfil Gas - - - - -                                                                                                   | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.                        |
| Merthyr Tydfil Stipendiary Magistrate - - -                                                                                    | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Austin Bruce.                    |
| Metropolitan Railway - - - - -                                                                                                 | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Captain Stacpoole.                   |
| Midland and London and North Western Railway<br>Companies.                                                                     | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Fordyce.                         |
| Midland Railway - - - - -                                                                                                      | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Captain Stacpoole.                   |
| Morley Gas [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - - -                                                                                          | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.<br>Mr. Fordyce.        |
| Newquay and Cornwall Junction Railway - -                                                                                      | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Captain Stacpoole.                   |
| North and South Western Junction Railway [ <i>Lords</i> ]                                                                      | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Captain Stacpoole.                   |
| North British Railway (General Powers) - - -                                                                                   | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Fordyce.                         |
| North London Railway - - - - -                                                                                                 | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.<br>Mr. Fordyce.        |
| Norwich Union Life Insurance Society [ <i>Lords</i> ] -                                                                        | 3                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Fordyce.<br>Mr. Charles Forster. |
| Oxford Police - - - - -                                                                                                        | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Yorke.<br>Sir William Heathcote. |

RETURN of Private Bills, treated as Unopposed Bills—*continued*.

| NAME OF BILL.                                                         | Number of Days<br>on which each<br>Committee sat. | NAMES OF MEMBERS.                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Peterborough Gas - - - - -                                            | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Captain Staepoole.                        |
| Portsmouth (Borough) Water - - - - -                                  | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Captain Staepoole.                        |
| Portsmouth Camber Quays - - - - -                                     | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Stone.                                |
| Potteries, Shrewsbury, and North Wales Railway -                      | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Fordyce.                              |
| Pontypool, Caerleon, and Newport Railway - -                          | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Waldegrave-Leslie.                    |
| Rathkeale and Newcastle Junction Railway [ <i>Lords</i> ] -           | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Fordyce.                              |
| Reading Local Board of Health - - - - -                               | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.<br>Sir F. Goldsmid.         |
| Reading Water - - - - -                                               | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Sir C. Russell.                           |
| Ruthin Water - - - - -                                                | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.<br>Col. Myddelton-Biddulph. |
| St. Ives and West Cornwall Junction Railway - -                       | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.<br>Mr. Fordyce.             |
| St. Leonard and St. Mary Magdalen Church Districts<br>[Re-committed]. | 2                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Waldegrave-Leslie.                    |
| St. Luke's (King's Cross) District - - - - -                          | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Fordyce.                              |
| St. Mary Church Local Board - - - - -                                 | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.                             |
| St. Saviour's, Southwark, Chaplaincy - - - - -                        | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.<br>Mr. Locke.               |
| Savile (Extension of Powers) Estate [ <i>Lords</i> ] - -              | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Captain Staepoole.                        |
| Slough Water - - - - -                                                | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Harvey (Thetford).                    |
| Star Life Assurance Society [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - - -                | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Fordyce.                              |
| Stourbridge Railway - - - - -                                         | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Waldegrave-Leslie.                    |
| Stourport Bridge and Approaches - - - - -                             | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.                             |
| Teign Valley Railway - - - - -                                        | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Matheson.                             |



RETURN of Private Bills, treated as Unopposed Bills—*continued*.

| NAME OF BILL                                          | Number of Days<br>on which each<br>Committee sat. | NAMES OF MEMBERS.                            |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Topsham, Woodbury, and Lympstone Water - -            | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kekewich.                 |
| Tottenham and Hampstead Junction Railway - -          | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Waldegrave-Leslie.        |
| Tower Subway [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - - -               | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.                 |
| Towns Drainage and Sewage Utilization - - -           | 2                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.                 |
| Uxbridge and Rickmansworth Railway [ <i>Lords</i> ] - | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Yorke.                    |
| Vale of Towy Railway [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - - -       | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Captain Staepoole.            |
| Ward Jackson's Estate [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - - -      | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Captain Staepoole.            |
| Waterford and Kilkenny Railway [ <i>Lords</i> ] - -   | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.<br>Mr. Fordyce. |
| Waterford and Limerick Railway [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Kinnaird.<br>Mr. Fordyce. |
| Waterloo and Whitehall Railway [ <i>Lords</i> ] - -   | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Fordyce.                  |
| Waterford Harbour - - - - -                           | 2                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Blake.                    |
| Weedon and Daventry Railway [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - -    | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Yorke.                    |
| West Riding and Grimsby Railway - - - -               | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Harvey (Thetford).        |
| Wolborough Local Board - - - - -                      | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Yorke.                    |
| Wolverhampton and Walsall Railway - - -               | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Fordyce.                  |
| Yeadon and Guiseley Gas [ <i>Lords</i> ] - - - -      | 1                                                 | Mr. Dodson.<br>Mr. Yorke.                    |

## UNOPPOSED PRIVATE BILLS, 1867-8.

| NAMES OF MEMBERS.                    | Number of Days<br>on which<br>each Member<br>sat. |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Mr. Dodson - - - - -                 | 30                                                |
| Mr. Kinnaird - - - - -               | 11                                                |
| Captain Stacpoole - - - - -          | 7                                                 |
| Mr. Fordyce - - - - -                | 9                                                 |
| Mr. Yorke - - - - -                  | 8                                                 |
| Mr. Locke - - - - -                  | 1                                                 |
| Mr. Kekewich - - - - -               | 1                                                 |
| Mr. Neville-Grenville - - - - -      | 1                                                 |
| Mr. Scourfield - - - - -             | 1                                                 |
| Colonel Myddelton-Biddulph - - - - - | 1                                                 |
| Sir Edward Buller - - - - -          | 1                                                 |
| Mr. Blake - - - - -                  | 2                                                 |
| Mr. Hartopp - - - - -                | 1                                                 |
| Mr. Arthur Smith-Barry - - - - -     | 1                                                 |
| Mr. Murphy - - - - -                 | 1                                                 |
| Mr. Harvey (Thetford) - - - - -      | 1                                                 |
| Mr. Wise - - - - -                   | 1                                                 |
| Mr. Algernon Egerton - - - - -       | 1                                                 |
| Mr. Austin Bruce - - - - -           | 1                                                 |
| Mr. Matheson - - - - -               | 1                                                 |
| Mr. Waldegrave-Leslie - - - - -      | 2                                                 |
| Sir F. Goldsmid - - - - -            | 1                                                 |
| Sir Charles Russell - - - - -        | 1                                                 |
| Mr. Stone - - - - -                  | 1                                                 |
| Mr. Charles Forster - - - - -        | 2                                                 |
| Mr. Dixon - - - - -                  | 1                                                 |
| Mr. Allen - - - - -                  | 1                                                 |

Department of Chairman of Committee of }  
Ways and Means, 1868.

*Felix H. Webber.*

## GENERAL SUMMARY of RETURNS relating to PRIVATE BILLS for Session 1867-8.

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| (A.)—The Number of Private Bills introduced - - - - -                                                                                                                  | 180  |
| (B.)—The Number of Private Bills brought from the Lords - - - - -                                                                                                      | 9    |
| (C.)—The Number of Private Bills that received the Royal Assent - - - - -                                                                                              | 170  |
| (D.)—The Number of Private Bills treated as Opposed, or classified in Groups by the Committee of Selection, or by the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills - } | 101* |
| (E.)—The Number of Private Bills referred to the Chairman of Ways and Means by the Committee of Selection, or by the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills }    | 121  |
| (F.)—The Number of Bills referred by the Committees to the Referees - - - - -                                                                                          |      |

\* Of these 35 became Unopposed during the sitting of the Committees, and are included in (E.)

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PRIVATE BILLS.

RETURNS of the Number of PRIVATE BILLS introduced and brought from the House of Lords, and of ACTS passed in 1867-8; of BILLS, treated as Opposed by the PRIVATE Committee of Selection; and of Unopposed PRIVATE BILLS referred to the Committee of Ways and Means (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.143 of Session 1867).

(*Mr. Charles Forster.*)

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## SELECT COMMITTEES.

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RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 9 July 1868 ;—*for*,

A RETURN “of the Number of SELECT COMMITTEES appointed in the Session of 1867-8; the Subjects of Inquiry; the Names of the Members appointed to Serve on each, and of the Chairman of each; the Number of Days each Committee Met, and the Number of Days each Member attended; the Total Expense of the Attendance of Witnesses at each Select Committee, and the Name of the Member who Moved for such Committee; also, the Total Number of MEMBERS who Served on SELECT COMMITTEES (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.144, of Session 1867).”

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ALPHABETICAL LIST of the NAMES of MEMBERS appointed to serve on SELECT COMMITTEES.

Note.—The Numbers refer to the order in which the Committees are Printed.

| NAMES OF MEMBERS.                    | Committees<br>on which<br>each Member<br>was<br>appointed. | NAMES OF MEMBERS.                   | Committees<br>on which<br>each Member<br>was<br>appointed. | NAMES OF MEMBERS.                   | Committees<br>on which<br>each Member<br>was<br>appointed. |
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| <b>A.</b>                            |                                                            | Chancellor of the Exchequer,<br>Mr. | 9.                                                         | <b>G.</b>                           |                                                            |
| Aceland, Mr. - - -                   | 37. 39.                                                    | Childers, Mr. - - -                 | { 1. 2. 22.<br>25. 27.                                     | Gallwey, Sir William - -            | 6.                                                         |
| Adair, Mr. - - -                     | 5.                                                         | Clay, Mr. - - -                     | 11.                                                        | Garth, Mr. - - -                    | 23. 32.                                                    |
| Adam, Mr. - - -                      | 15.                                                        | Clement, Mr. - - -                  | 29.                                                        | Gaskell, Mr. - - -                  | 25.                                                        |
| Advocate, The Lord - -               | 14.                                                        | Clive, Mr. - - -                    | 6.                                                         | Gavin, Major - - -                  | 28. 36.                                                    |
| Agar-Ellis, Mr. - - -                | 39.                                                        | Cochrane, Mr. Baillie -             | 13. 26.                                                    | Gibson, Mr. Milner - -              | 21.                                                        |
| Agnew, Sir Andrew - -                | 21.                                                        | Cogan, Mr. - - -                    | 7. 21. 23.                                                 | Goldney, Mr. - - -                  | 3. 19. 24.                                                 |
| Akroyd, Mr. - - -                    | 30. 37.                                                    | Colebrooke, Sir Edward -            | 26. 31.                                                    | Goldsmid, Sir Francis -             | 10. 31.                                                    |
| Amberley, Viscount - -               | 3.                                                         | Collier, Sir Robert - -             | 10. 32.                                                    | Gooch, Sir Daniel - - -             | 1.                                                         |
| Anson, Major - - -                   | 1. 2. 33.                                                  | Cooper, Colonel - - -               | 12.                                                        | Gore, Sir W. Ormsby - -             | 34. 39.                                                    |
| Anstruther, Sir Robert -             | 7.                                                         | Cooper, Mr. - - -                   | 23.                                                        | Gorst, Mr. - - -                    | 10.                                                        |
| Attorney General for Ireland,<br>Mr. | 14. 23.                                                    | Corrance, Mr. - - -                 | 21.                                                        | Goschen, Mr. - - -                  | { 3. 9. 18.<br>21. 22. 24.<br>29.                          |
| Ayrton, Mr. - - -                    | { 1. 8. 16.<br>18. 19. 24.<br>29. 32.                      | Cowper, Mr. William - -             | 43.                                                        | Graham, Mr. - - -                   | 9. 26.                                                     |
| <b>B.</b>                            |                                                            | Cranborne, Viscount - -             | 2. 13.                                                     | Graves, Mr. - - -                   | { 3. 10. 14.<br>32. 37.                                    |
| Baggallay, Mr. - - -                 | 19. 33.                                                    | Craufurd, Mr. - - -                 | 14.                                                        | Greene, Mr. - - -                   | 20.                                                        |
| Bagnall, Mr. - - -                   | 37.                                                        | Crawford, Mr. - - -                 | 34.                                                        | Gregory, Mr. - - -                  | 12. 37. 39.                                                |
| Bagwell, Mr. - - -                   | 17.                                                        | Cubitt, Mr. - - -                   | 36.                                                        | Greville Nugent, Mr. -              | 30.                                                        |
| Baines, Mr. - - -                    | 19. 35.                                                    | <b>D.</b>                           |                                                            | Grey, Sir George - - -              | 32.                                                        |
| Baring, Mr. Thomas - -               | 10.                                                        | Dalglish, Mr. - - -                 | 1. 15.                                                     | Griffith, Mr. Darby - -             | 13. 29. 34.                                                |
| Barnett, Mr. - - -                   | 3.                                                         | Dawson, Mr. - - -                   | 12. 36.                                                    | Gurney, Mr. Russell - -             | 19.                                                        |
| Barttelot, Colonel - - -             | 18.                                                        | De Grey, Mr. - - -                  | 28.                                                        | <b>H.</b>                           |                                                            |
| Baxter, Mr. - - -                    | 5. 10. 22.                                                 | Denman, Mr. - - -                   | 40.                                                        | Hamilton, Lord Claud - -            | 23. 36.                                                    |
| Bazley, Mr. - - -                    | 13. 33. 37.                                                | Dent, Mr. - - -                     | 6. 18. 31.                                                 | Hamilton, Mr. Edward -              | 24.                                                        |
| Beach, Mr. - - -                     | 19.                                                        | Dering, Sir Edward - -              | 39.                                                        | Hankey, Mr. - - -                   | 13. 27. 41.                                                |
| Beach, Sir Michael Hicks -           | 24.                                                        | Dixon, Mr. - - -                    | 37.                                                        | Hanmer, Sir John - - -              | 31.                                                        |
| Beecroft, Mr. - - -                  | 37.                                                        | Du Cane, Mr. - - -                  | 1.                                                         | Harcastle, Mr. - - -                | 13.                                                        |
| Bentineck, Mr. - - -                 | { 19. 29. 30.<br>34.                                       | Duff, Mr. Grant - - -               | 29.                                                        | Hardy, Mr. J. - - -                 | 20.                                                        |
| Benyon, Mr. - - -                    | 16. 18. 29.                                                | Duncombe, Admiral Arthur -          | 5. 6.                                                      | Hardy, Mr. Secretary Gu-<br>thorne. | 24. 32.                                                    |
| Berkeley, Mr. - - -                  | 35.                                                        | Duncombe, Colonel - -               | 18.                                                        | Hartington, Marquis of -            | 2. 22.                                                     |
| Blake, Mr. - - -                     | 12.                                                        | Dunlop, Mr. - - -                   | 14. 38. 41.                                                | Hay, Lord John - - -                | 16.                                                        |
| Bonham-Carter, Mr. - -               | { 25. 28. 39.<br>41.                                       | Dunne, General - - -                | { 7. 12. 15.<br>23. 39.                                    | Hay, Lord William - - -             | 2.                                                         |
| Bouvier, Mr. - - -                   | { 10. 26. 30.<br>32.                                       | Dyke, Mr. - - -                     | 1.                                                         | Hay, Sir John - - -                 | 1.                                                         |
| Bowyer, Sir George - -               | 16. 32.                                                    | <b>E.</b>                           |                                                            | Hayter, Mr. - - -                   | 2.                                                         |
| Bridges, Sir Brooke - -              | 38. 41.                                                    | Egerton, Mr. Algernon Fulke -       | 11. 27.                                                    | Headlam, Mr. - - -                  | { 13. 19. 23.<br>40.                                       |
| Bright, Mr. Jacob - - -              | 19.                                                        | Egerton, Mr. Edward - -             | 10.                                                        | Heathcote, Sir William -            | 29. 38. 41.                                                |
| Bright, Mr. John - - -               | 13. 24. 35.                                                | Egerton, Sir Philip Grey -          | 5.                                                         | Heneage, Mr. - - -                  | 6.                                                         |
| Browne, Lord John - -                | 12. 38. 41.                                                | Elcho, Lord - - -                   | 13.                                                        | Henley, Lord - - -                  | 6.                                                         |
| Bruce, Lord Charles - -              | 30.                                                        | Enfield, Viscount - - -             | 29. 40.                                                    | Henley, Mr. - - -                   | 25. 41.                                                    |
| Bruce, Mr. Austin - - -              | 4. 6. 37.                                                  | Evans, Mr. - - -                    | 5. 35.                                                     | Henniker-Major, Mr. - -             | 6.                                                         |
| Buller, Sir Edward Man-<br>ningham.  | 18.                                                        | <b>F.</b>                           |                                                            | Herbert, Colonel Percy -            | 2.                                                         |
| Butler, Mr. - - -                    | 8.                                                         | Fane, Colonel John W. - -           | 9. 35.                                                     | Herbert, Mr. - - -                  | 12.                                                        |
| <b>C.</b>                            |                                                            | Fielden, Mr. - - -                  | 30.                                                        | Heygate, Sir Frederick -            | { 9. 11. 13.<br>23.                                        |
| Candlish, Mr. - - -                  | 1.                                                         | Fergusson, Sir James - -            | 2. 35.                                                     | Hibbert, Mr. - - -                  | { 6. 24. 32.<br>35.                                        |
| Capper, Mr. - - -                    | 26.                                                        | Fitzgerald, Lord Otho - -           | 7.                                                         | Hodgkinson, Mr. - - -               | 6. 24.                                                     |
| Cardwell, Mr. - - -                  | { 13. 20. 25.<br>29.                                       | Floyer, Mr. - - -                   | 24.                                                        | Hodgson, Mr. Kirkman -              | 4.                                                         |
| Cave, Mr. Stephen - - -              | 3. 18.                                                     | Foljambe, Mr. - - -                 | 17.                                                        | Hogg, Colonel - - -                 | 22. 24.                                                    |
| Cavendish, Lord Edward -             | 6.                                                         | Forde, Colonel - - -                | 12.                                                        | Holland, Mr. - - -                  | 20.                                                        |
| Cavendish, Lord Frederick -          | 37.                                                        | Forster, Mr. Charles - -            | 28.                                                        | Hope, Mr. Beresford - -             | 13. 30.                                                    |
| Cecil, Lord Eustace - -              | 18.                                                        | Forster, Mr. William Edward -       | 10. 29. 32.                                                | Horsfall, Mr. - - -                 | 35.                                                        |
| Chambers, Mr. - - -                  | 34.                                                        | Fortescue, Mr. Chichester -         | 12. 36.                                                    | Hotham, Lord - - -                  | 22. 38. 41.                                                |
|                                      |                                                            | French, Colonel - - -               | { 12. 14. 15.<br>39.                                       | Howard, Mr. - - -                   | 30.                                                        |
|                                      |                                                            | Freshfield, Mr. - - -               | 3. 21. 40.                                                 | Howes, Mr. - - -                    | { 5. 27. 29.<br>30. 33.                                    |

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| Hubbard, Mr. - - -         | 3.                                                         | N.                        |                                                            | Schreiber, Mr. - - -       | 10. 30.                                                    |
| Huddleston, Mr. - - -      | 14. 23. 40.                                                | Neate, Mr. - - -          | 10. 29.                                                    | Sclater-Booth, Mr. - - -   | 27. 39.                                                    |
| Hughes, Mr. Thomas -       | 37.                                                        | Neeld, Sir John - - -     | 7.                                                         | Scourfield, Mr. - - -      | { 1. 6. 33.<br>38. 41.                                     |
| K.                         |                                                            | Neville-Grenville, Mr. -  | 6. 29.                                                     | Seely, Mr. - - -           | 1. 27.                                                     |
| Kavanagh, Mr. - - -        | 6. 23.                                                     | Newdegate, Mr. - - -      | 30.                                                        | Selwin-Ibbotson, Mr. -     | 21.                                                        |
| Kekewich, Mr. - - -        | 24.                                                        | North, Colonel - - -      | 2. 22.                                                     | Sheridan, Mr. - - -        | 16.                                                        |
| Kendall, Mr. - - -         | 6. 12.                                                     | Northcote, Sir Stafford - | 25. 29.                                                    | Simeon, Sir John - - -     | 19.                                                        |
| Kinglake, Mr. A. W. -      | 17.                                                        | Norwood, Mr. - - -        | 9.                                                         | Smith, Mr. John Abel -     | 35.                                                        |
| Kinnaird, Mr. - - -        | 28.                                                        | O.                        |                                                            | Solicitor General, Mr. -   | { 10. 19. 32.<br>40.                                       |
| Knatchbull-Hugessen, Mr. - | 12. 35.                                                    | O'Connor Don, The - - -   | { 12. 18. 23.<br>25.                                       | Somerset, Colonel Edward - | 22.                                                        |
| Knightley, Sir Rainald -   | 32.                                                        | O'Loghlen, Sir Colman -   | { 3. 7. 12.<br>19. 23. 28.                                 | Stacpoole, Mr. - - -       | 36.                                                        |
| L.                         |                                                            | O'Neill, Mr. - - -        | 36.                                                        | Stanley, Mr. Frederick -   | 1. 35.                                                     |
| Laing, Mr. - - -           | 2. 18. 27.                                                 | Onslow, Mr. - - -         | 15.                                                        | Stanley, Mr. Owen - - -    | 28.                                                        |
| Laird, Mr. - - -           | 33. 39.                                                    | O'Reilly, Major - - -     | 22. 23. 36.                                                | Stansfeld, Mr. - - -       | 1. 10.                                                     |
| Lanyon, Mr. - - -          | 8.                                                         | P.                        |                                                            | Stirling-Maxwell, Sir W. - | 4. 11.                                                     |
| Lanyon, Sir Charles - -    | { 12. 13. 14.<br>37.                                       | Pakington, Sir John - -   | 25.                                                        | Stone, Mr. - - -           | 29.                                                        |
| Lawrence, Mr. Alderman -   | 15. 16. 34.                                                | Parker, Major - - -       | 18.                                                        | Stopford, Mr. - - -        | 7.                                                         |
| Lawson, Mr. - - -          | 14.                                                        | Patten, Colonel Wilson -  | 6.                                                         | Stuart, Colonel - - -      | 7. 40.                                                     |
| Layard, Mr. - - -          | 8. 10.                                                     | Paull, Mr. - - -          | 3. 24.                                                     | Sturt, Mr. - - -           | 7.                                                         |
| Leader, Mr. - - -          | 12. 36.                                                    | Pease, Mr. - - -          | 30.                                                        | Surtees, Captain - - -     | 32.                                                        |
| Lechmere, Sir Edmund -     | 26.                                                        | Peel, General - - -       | 22.                                                        | Surtees, Mr. Henry - -     | 16. 18. 28.                                                |
| Leeman, Mr. - - -          | 9. 32.                                                     | Peel, Mr. Arthur - - -    | 18.                                                        | T.                         |                                                            |
| Lefevre, Mr. Shaw - - -    | 18. 19. 24.                                                | Peel, Mr. John - - -      | 20. 30.                                                    | Tite, Mr. - - -            | 13. 34.                                                    |
| Lefroy, Mr. - - -          | 41.                                                        | Pim, Mr. - - -            | 3. 23. 36.                                                 | Torrens, Mr. M'Cullagh -   | 10.                                                        |
| Legh, Major Cornwall -     | 9.                                                         | Pollard-Urquhart, Mr. -   | 27. 36. 39.                                                | Torrens, Mr. Robert - -    | 28.                                                        |
| Lennox, Lord Henry - -     | 1.                                                         | Potter, Mr. Edmund - -    | 37.                                                        | Tracy, Mr. Hanbury - -     | 1.                                                         |
| Leveson-Gower, Mr. - -     | 11.                                                        | Potter, Mr. (Carlisle) -  | 9.                                                         | Trevelyan, Mr. - - -       | 22. 24.                                                    |
| Liddell, Mr. - - -         | 1. 27.                                                     | Powell, Mr. - - -         | { 16. 19. 24.<br>29. 30. 34.                               | Trollope, Sir John - - -   | 22.                                                        |
| Lindsay, Colonel Loyd -    | 9.                                                         | Proby, Lord - - -         | 7.                                                         | Turner, Mr. - - -          | 9. 40.                                                     |
| Lloyd, Sir Thomas - - -    | 26.                                                        | R.                        |                                                            | V.                         |                                                            |
| Locke, Mr. - - -           | 21. 35.                                                    | Ramsay, Mr. - - -         | 26.                                                        | Vance, Mr. - - -           | 26.                                                        |
| Lorne, Marquis of - - -    | 34.                                                        | Rawlinson, Sir Henry -    | 2.                                                         | Vandeleur, Colonel - - -   | 39.                                                        |
| Lowe, Mr. - - -            | 19.                                                        | Read, Mr. - - -           | { 6. 18. 21.<br>37.                                        | Verney, Sir Harry - - -    | 2.                                                         |
| Lowther, Mr. - - -         | 21. 37.                                                    | Ridley, Sir Matthew - -   | 21.                                                        | Villiers, Mr. - - -        | 24.                                                        |
| Lusk, Mr. Alderman - -     | 3. 40.                                                     | Robertson, Mr. - - -      | 15.                                                        | Vivian, Captain - - -      | 2. 15. 22.                                                 |
| M.                         |                                                            | Roebuck, Mr. - - -        | 35.                                                        | W.                         |                                                            |
| M'Lagan, Mr. - - -         | 28. 37.                                                    | Rothschild, Baron M. de - | 17.                                                        | Waldegrave-Leslie, Mr. -   | 3. 13. 34.                                                 |
| M'Laren, Mr. - - -         | 1.                                                         | Rothschild, Mr. - - -     | 3.                                                         | Walker, Major - - -        | 2.                                                         |
| Maguire, Mr. - - -         | 12.                                                        | Russell, Mr. - - -        | 34.                                                        | Walpole, Mr. - - -         | { 4. 10. 25.<br>29.                                        |
| Malcolm, Mr. - - -         | 35.                                                        | Russell, Mr. Hastings -   | { 25. 28. 40.<br>41.                                       | Weguelin, Mr. - - -        | 1.                                                         |
| Manners, Lord John - -     | 8. 13. 34.                                                 | Russell, Sir Charles - -  | 28. 32.                                                    | Welby, Mr. - - -           | 26.                                                        |
| Martin, Mr. Philip - - -   | 34.                                                        | Russell, Sir William - -  | 2.                                                         | Whatman, Mr. - - -         | 40.                                                        |
| Maxwell, Mr. - - -         | 16.                                                        | S.                        |                                                            | Whitbread, Mr. - - -       | { 4. 11. 38.<br>41.                                        |
| Mayo, Earl of - - -        | 7. 12. 36.                                                 | St. Aubyn, Mr. - - -      | 24.                                                        | Wise, Mr. - - -            | 16.                                                        |
| Merry, Mr. - - -           | 26.                                                        | Salamons, Mr. Alderman -  | 3. 28. 40.                                                 | Woodd, Mr. - - -           | 24. 31.                                                    |
| Mill, Mr. - - -            | 10.                                                        | Samuda, Mr. - - -         | 33.                                                        | Wyld, Mr. - - -            | 6.                                                         |
| Moffatt, Mr. - - -         | 21.                                                        | Samuelson, Mr. - - -      | 37.                                                        | Wyndham, Mr. Percy - -     | 10. 22.                                                    |
| Moncreiff, Mr. - - -       | 14.                                                        | Sandford, Mr. - - -       | 9. 28.                                                     | Wynn, Mr. Charles - - -    | 40.                                                        |
| Monk, Mr. - - -            | 30.                                                        |                           |                                                            | Y.                         |                                                            |
| Monsell, Mr. - - -         | 23. 36.                                                    |                           |                                                            | Yorke, Mr. Reginald - -    | 23. 35.                                                    |
| Montagu, Lord Robert -     | { 8. 15. 21.<br>37.                                        |                           |                                                            |                            |                                                            |
| Montgomery, Sir Graham -   | 7. 36. 39.                                                 |                           |                                                            |                            |                                                            |
| More, Mr. - - -            | 18.                                                        |                           |                                                            |                            |                                                            |
| Morrison, Mr. - - -        | 21.                                                        |                           |                                                            |                            |                                                            |
| Mowbray, Mr. - - -         | 29.                                                        |                           |                                                            |                            |                                                            |
| Murphy, Mr. - - -          | 14. 36.                                                    |                           |                                                            |                            |                                                            |

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| Subjects of Inquiry,<br>and<br>Names of the Members who<br>Moved<br>for each Committee. | Names of<br>Members appointed to Serve<br>on<br>each Committee,<br>and<br>the Chairman of each. | Number<br>of<br>Days each<br>Member<br>attended. | Number<br>of<br>Days each<br>Committee<br>met. | Total Expense<br>of<br>Attendance<br>of<br>Witnesses. | REMARKS. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 1.                                                                                      |                                                                                                 |                                                  |                                                | £. s. d.                                              |          |
| Admiralty Monies and Accounts                                                           | - - - - -                                                                                       | -                                                | 24                                             | 46 17 -                                               |          |
| Moved for by Mr. Seely.                                                                 | Seely, Mr., Chairman - - -                                                                      | 24                                               |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Anson, Major - - -                                                                              | 16                                               |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Ayrton, Mr. - - -                                                                               | 14                                               |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Candlish, Mr. - - -                                                                             | 24                                               |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Childers, Mr. - - -                                                                             | 21                                               |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Dalglish, Mr. - - -                                                                             | 15                                               |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Du Cane, Mr. - - -                                                                              | 11                                               |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Dyke, Mr. - - -                                                                                 | 21                                               |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Gooch, Sir Daniel - - -                                                                         | 9                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Hay, Sir John - - -                                                                             | 23                                               |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Lennox, Lord Henry - - -                                                                        | 15                                               |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Liddell, Mr. - - -                                                                              | 18                                               |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | M'Laren, Mr. - - -                                                                              | 18                                               |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Scourfield, Mr. - - -                                                                           | 19                                               |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Stanley, Mr. Frederick - - -                                                                    | 19                                               |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Stansfeld, Mr. - - -                                                                            | 8                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Tracy, Mr. Hanbury - - -                                                                        | 12                                               |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Weguelin, Mr. - - -                                                                             | 16                                               |                                                |                                                       |          |
| 2.                                                                                      |                                                                                                 |                                                  |                                                |                                                       |          |
| Army (India and the Colonies) -                                                         | - - - - -                                                                                       | -                                                | 3                                              | - Nil.                                                |          |
| Moved for by Major Anson                                                                | Cranborne, Viscount, Chair-<br>man. - - -                                                       | 3                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Anson, Major - - -                                                                              | 3                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Childers, Mr. - - -                                                                             | 3                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Fergusson, Sir James - - -                                                                      | 1                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Hartington, Marquis of - - -                                                                    | 1                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Hayter, Mr. - - -                                                                               | 2                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Hay, Lord William - - -                                                                         | 1                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Herbert, Colonel Percy - - -                                                                    | 2                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Laing, Mr. - - -                                                                                | 2                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | North, Colonel - - -                                                                            | 3                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Rawlinson, Sir Henry - - -                                                                      | 3                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Russell, Sir William - - -                                                                      | 1                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Verney, Sir Harry - - -                                                                         | 3                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Vivian, Captain - - -                                                                           | 2                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Walker, Major - - -                                                                             | 2                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
| 3.                                                                                      |                                                                                                 |                                                  |                                                |                                                       |          |
| Bank Holidays Bill                                                                      | - - - - -                                                                                       | -                                                | 8                                              | 8 13 -                                                |          |
| Moved for by Sir Colman<br>O'Loughlen.                                                  | O' Loughlen, Sir Colman,<br>Chairman. - - -                                                     | 8                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Amberley, Viscount - - -                                                                        | 8                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Barnett, Mr. - - -                                                                              | 7                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Cave, Mr. Stephen - - -                                                                         | 8                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Freshfield, Mr. - - -                                                                           | 6                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Goldney, Mr. - - -                                                                              | 5                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Goschen, Mr. - - -                                                                              | 5                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Graves, Mr. - - -                                                                               | 2                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Hubbard, Mr. - - -                                                                              | 2                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Lusk, Mr. - - -                                                                                 | 5                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Paull, Mr. - - -                                                                                | 8                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Pim, Mr. - - -                                                                                  | 6                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Rothschild, Mr. - - -                                                                           | 7                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Salomons, Mr. Alderman - - -                                                                    | 8                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |
|                                                                                         | Waldegrave Leslie, Mr. - - -                                                                    | 8                                                |                                                |                                                       |          |



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| 4.                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                        |                                                                                  | £ s. d.                                                                          |                                                                   |
| Boundaries of Boroughs - -                                                              | - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | - -                                                                                    | 10                                                                               | - Nil.                                                                           |                                                                   |
| Moved for by Mr. Gathorne<br>Hardy.                                                     | Bruce, Mr. Austin - -<br>Hodgson, Mr. Kirkman - -<br>Stirling-Maxwell, Sir William<br>Walpole, Mr. - -<br>Whitbread, Mr. - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 10<br>10<br>10<br>10<br>10                                                             |                                                                                  |                                                                                  |                                                                   |
| 5.                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                        |                                                                                  |                                                                                  |                                                                   |
| Chairmen's Panel - - - -                                                                | - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | - -                                                                                    | 5                                                                                | - Nil.                                                                           |                                                                   |
| Appointed by the General<br>Committee of Elections.                                     | Adair, Mr. - - - -<br>Baxter, Mr. - - - -<br>Duncombe, Admiral Arthur -<br>Egerton, Sir Philip Grey - -<br>Evans, Mr. - - - -<br>Howes, Mr. - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 0<br>4<br>3<br>0<br>3<br>2                                                             | - -<br>- -<br>- -<br>- -<br>- -<br>- -                                           | - -<br>- -<br>- -<br>- -<br>- -<br>- -                                           | Acted three times as<br>Chairman.<br>Acted once as Chair-<br>man. |
| 6.                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                        |                                                                                  |                                                                                  |                                                                   |
| County Financial Arrangements                                                           | - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | - -                                                                                    | 9                                                                                | 112 9 3                                                                          |                                                                   |
| Moved for by the Judge<br>Advocate.                                                     | Patten, Colonel Wilson,<br>Chairman.<br>Bruce, Mr. - - - -<br>Cavendish, Lord Edward - -<br>Clive, Mr. - - - -<br>Dent, Mr. - - - -<br>Duncombe, Admiral - -<br>Gallwey, Sir William - -<br>Heneage, Mr. - - - -<br>Henley, Lord - - - -<br>Henniker-Major, Mr. - -<br>Hibbert, Mr. - - - -<br>Hodgkinson, Mr. - - - -<br>Kavanagh, Mr. - - - -<br>Kendall, Mr. - - - -<br>Neville-Grenville, Mr. - -<br>Read, Mr. - - - -<br>Scourfield, Mr. - - - -<br>Wyld, Mr. - - - - | 9<br>3<br>9<br>1<br>6<br>8<br>3<br>8<br>9<br>8<br>3<br>2<br>8<br>8<br>6<br>5<br>8<br>9 |                                                                                  |                                                                                  |                                                                   |
| 7.                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                        |                                                                                  |                                                                                  |                                                                   |
| Curragh of Kildare Bill - -                                                             | - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | - -                                                                                    | 4                                                                                | 35 4 6                                                                           |                                                                   |
| Moved for by Mr. Sclater-<br>Booth.                                                     | Mayo, Earl of, Chairman -<br>Cogan, Mr. W. - - - -<br>Dunne, General - - - -<br>Fitzgerald, Lord Otho - -<br>Montgomery, Sir Graham - -<br>O'Loughlen, Sir Colman - -<br>Proby, Lord - - - -<br>Anstruther, Sir Robert - -<br>Neeld, Sir John - - - -<br>Stopford, Mr. - - - -<br>Stuart, Colonel (Cardiff) - -<br>Sturt, Mr (Dorset) - -                                                                                                                                  | 4<br>4<br>3<br>3<br>3<br>3<br>0<br>4<br>4<br>4<br>4<br>2                               | - -<br>- -<br>- -<br>- -<br>- -<br>- -<br>- -<br>- -<br>- -<br>- -<br>- -<br>- - | - -<br>- -<br>- -<br>- -<br>- -<br>- -<br>- -<br>- -<br>- -<br>- -<br>- -<br>- - | Added by the Com-<br>mittee of Selec-<br>tion.                    |
| 8.                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                        |                                                                                  |                                                                                  |                                                                   |
| East London Museum - - -                                                                | - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | - -                                                                                    | 1                                                                                | - Nil.                                                                           |                                                                   |
| Moved for by Lord Robert<br>Montagu.                                                    | Montagu, Lord Robert, Chair-<br>man.<br>Ayrton, Mr. - - - -<br>Butler, Mr. - - - -<br>Lanyon, Mr. - - - -<br>Layard, Mr. - - - -<br>Manners, Lord John - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1<br><br>1<br><br>1<br>1                                                               |                                                                                  |                                                                                  |                                                                   |

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| 9.                                                                                      |                                                                                                 |                                                  |                                                | £. s. d.                                              |                                                |
| Electric Telegraphs Bill - - - - -                                                      | - - - - -                                                                                       | - - - - -                                        | 11                                             | - Nil.                                                |                                                |
| Moved for by Mr. Leeman.                                                                | Chancellor of the Exchequer,<br>Mr., Chairman.                                                  | 11                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Fane, Colonel John W. - - - - -                                                                 | 6                                                |                                                |                                                       | Added, 1 July.                                 |
|                                                                                         | Goschen, Mr. - - - - -                                                                          | 11                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Heygate, Sir Frederick - - - - -                                                                | 8                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Leeman, Mr. - - - - -                                                                           | 11                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Norwood, Mr. - - - - -                                                                          | 11                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Turner, Mr. Charles - - - - -                                                                   | 11                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Graham, Mr. - - - - -                                                                           | 11                                               |                                                |                                                       | Added by the Com-<br>mittee of Selec-<br>tion. |
|                                                                                         | Legh, Major Cornwall - - - - -                                                                  | 1*                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Lindsay, Colonel Loyd - - - - -                                                                 | 4                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Potter, Mr. (Carlisle) - - - - -                                                                | 11                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Sandford, Mr. - - - - -                                                                         | 4                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
| 10.                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |                                                  |                                                |                                                       | * Discharged, 1 July.                          |
| Extradition - - - - -                                                                   | - - - - -                                                                                       | - - - - -                                        | 9                                              | 15 9 -                                                |                                                |
| Moved for by Mr. M'Cullagh<br>Torrens.                                                  | Bouverie, Mr., Chairman - - - - -                                                               | 8                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Baring, Mr. Thomas - - - - -                                                                    | 5                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Baxter, Mr. - - - - -                                                                           | 4                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Collier, Sir Robert - - - - -                                                                   | 4                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Egerton, Mr. Edward - - - - -                                                                   | 9                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Forster, Mr. William Edward - - - - -                                                           | 7                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Goldsmid, Sir Francis - - - - -                                                                 | 8                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Gorst, Mr. - - - - -                                                                            | 6                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Graves, Mr. - - - - -                                                                           | 3                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Layard, Mr. - - - - -                                                                           | 8                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Mill, Mr. - - - - -                                                                             | 9                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Neate, Mr. - - - - -                                                                            | 9                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Schreiber, Mr. - - - - -                                                                        | 7                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Solicitor General, Mr. - - - - -                                                                | 6                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Stansfeld, Mr. - - - - -                                                                        | 4                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Torrens, Mr. M'Cullagh - - - - -                                                                | 6                                                |                                                |                                                       | Acted once as Chair-<br>man.                   |
|                                                                                         | Walpole, Mr. - - - - -                                                                          | 5                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Wyndham, Mr. Percy - - - - -                                                                    | 6                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
| 11.                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |                                                  |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
| General Committee of Elections                                                          | - - - - -                                                                                       | - - - - -                                        | 8                                              | - Nil.                                                |                                                |
| Appointed according to Act of<br>Parliament.                                            | Whitbread, Mr., Chairman - - - - -                                                              | 8                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Clay, Mr. - - - - -                                                                             | 6                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Egerton, Mr. Algernon Fulke - - - - -                                                           | 4                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Heygate, Sir Fredk. William - - - - -                                                           | 6                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Leveson Gower, Mr. - - - - -                                                                    | 6                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Stirling-Maxwell, Sir William - - - - -                                                         | 7                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
| 12.                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |                                                  |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
| Grand Jury Presentments (Ire-<br>land).                                                 | - - - - -                                                                                       | - - - - -                                        | 22                                             | 323 1 10                                              |                                                |
| Moved for by The O'Connor<br>Don.                                                       | O'Connor Don, The, Chairman - - - - -                                                           | 17                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Blake, Mr. - - - - -                                                                            | 22                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Browne, Lord John - - - - -                                                                     | 3                                                |                                                |                                                       | Discharged, 1 April.                           |
|                                                                                         | Cooper, Colonel - - - - -                                                                       | 19                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Dawson, Mr. - - - - -                                                                           | 17                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Dunne, General - - - - -                                                                        | 16                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Forde, Colonel - - - - -                                                                        | 18                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Fortescue, Mr. Chichester - - - - -                                                             | 16                                               |                                                |                                                       | Acted five times as<br>Chairman.               |
|                                                                                         | French, Colonel - - - - -                                                                       | 19                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Gregory, Mr. - - - - -                                                                          | 18                                               |                                                |                                                       | Added, 1 April.                                |
|                                                                                         | Herbert, Mr. - - - - -                                                                          | 13                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Kendall, Mr. - - - - -                                                                          | 17                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Knatchbull-Hugessen, Mr. - - - - -                                                              | 0                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Lanyon, Sir Charles - - - - -                                                                   | 20                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Leader, Mr. - - - - -                                                                           | 17                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Maguire, Mr. - - - - -                                                                          | 18                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | Mayo, The Earl of - - - - -                                                                     | 18                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                |
|                                                                                         | O'Loghlen, Sir Colman - - - - -                                                                 | 12                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                |

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| 18.                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |                                                  |                                                | £. s. d.                                              |                                                                        |
| Malt Tax - - - -                                                                        | - - - - -                                                                                       | -                                                | 12                                             | 55 10 3                                               |                                                                        |
| Moved for by Colonel Barttelot.                                                         | Barttelot, Colonel, Chairman                                                                    | 12                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Ayrton, Mr. - - -                                                                               | 5                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Benyon, Mr. - - -                                                                               | 4                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Buller, Sir Edward Manning-<br>ham.                                                             | 12                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Cave, Mr. Stephen - -                                                                           | 2                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Cecil, Lord Eustace - -                                                                         | 9                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Dent, Mr. - - -                                                                                 | 7                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Duncombe, Colonel - -                                                                           | 5                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Goschen, Mr. - - -                                                                              | 2                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Hardcastle, Mr. - - -                                                                           | 7                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Laing, Mr. - - -                                                                                | 1                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Lefevre, Mr. Shaw - -                                                                           | 2                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | More, Mr. - - -                                                                                 | 9                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | O'Connor Don, The - -                                                                           | 0                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Parker, Major - - -                                                                             | 11                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Peel, Mr. Arthur - - -                                                                          | 10                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Read, Mr. - - -                                                                                 | 11                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Surtees, Mr. Henry - -                                                                          | 12                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
| 19.                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |                                                  |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
| Married Women's Property Bill                                                           | - - - - -                                                                                       | -                                                | 6                                              | 16 9 -                                                |                                                                        |
| Moved for by Mr. Shaw<br>Lefevre.                                                       | Lefevre, Mr. Shaw, Chairman                                                                     | 6                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Ayrton, Mr. - - -                                                                               | 2                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Baggallay, Mr. - - -                                                                            | 3                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Baines, Mr. - - -                                                                               | 5                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Beach, Mr. - - -                                                                                | 5                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Bentinck, Mr. - - -                                                                             | 3                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Bright, Mr. Jacob - -                                                                           | 6                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Goldney, Mr. - - -                                                                              | 2                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Gurney, Mr. Russell - -                                                                         | 5                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Headlam, Mr. - - -                                                                              | 4                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Lowe, Mr. - - -                                                                                 | 2                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | O'Loughlen, Sir Colman -                                                                        | 2                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Powell, Mr. - - -                                                                               | 5                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Simeon, Sir John - - -                                                                          | 4                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Solicitor General, Mr. -                                                                        | 0                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
| 20.                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |                                                  |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
| Metropolis Gas Bills - -                                                                | - - - - -                                                                                       | -                                                | 13                                             | - Nil.                                                |                                                                        |
| Moved for by Mr. Ayrton.                                                                | Cardwell, Mr., Chairman -                                                                       | 13                                               | - - -                                          | - - -                                                 | This Committee was<br>nominated by the<br>Committee of Se-<br>lection. |
|                                                                                         | Greene, Mr. - - -                                                                               | 12                                               | - - -                                          | - - -                                                 |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Hardy, Mr. J. - - -                                                                             | 13                                               | - - -                                          | - - -                                                 |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Holland, Mr. - - -                                                                              | 12                                               | - - -                                          | - - -                                                 |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Peel, Mr. John - - -                                                                            | 11                                               | - - -                                          | - - -                                                 |                                                                        |
| 21.                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |                                                  |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
| Metropolitan Foreign Cattle<br>Market.                                                  | - - - - -                                                                                       | -                                                | 27                                             | 82 7 2                                                |                                                                        |
| Moved for by Lord Robert<br>Montagu.                                                    | Montagu, Lord Robert, Chair-<br>man.                                                            | 27                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Corrance, Mr. - - -                                                                             | 21                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Freshfield, Mr. - - -                                                                           | 25                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Gibson, Mr. Milner - -                                                                          | 25                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Goschen, Mr. - - -                                                                              | 24                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Locke, Mr. - - -                                                                                | 16                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Moffat, Mr. - - -                                                                               | 22                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Read, Mr. - - -                                                                                 | 25                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Selwin-Ibbotson, Mr. -                                                                          | 23                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Agnew, Sir Andrew - -                                                                           | 26                                               | - - -                                          | - - -                                                 | Added by the Com-<br>mittee of Selec-<br>tion.                         |
|                                                                                         | Cogan, Mr. - - -                                                                                | 20                                               | - - -                                          | - - -                                                 |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Lowther, Mr. - - -                                                                              | 19                                               | - - -                                          | - - -                                                 |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Morrison, Mr. - - -                                                                             | 23                                               | - - -                                          | - - -                                                 |                                                                        |
|                                                                                         | Ridley, Sir Matthew -                                                                           | 10                                               | - - -                                          | - - -                                                 |                                                                        |

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| 22.                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |                                                  |                                                | £. s. d.                                              |                                                            |
| Military Reserve Funds - -                                                              | - - - - -                                                                                       | -                                                | 5                                              | - Nil.                                                |                                                            |
| Moved for by Lord Hotham.                                                               | Hotham, Lord, Chairman -                                                                        | 5                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Baxter, Mr. - - -                                                                               | 3                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Childers, Mr. - - -                                                                             | 5                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Goschen, Mr. - - -                                                                              | 4                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Hartington, Marquis of -                                                                        | 1                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Hogg, Colonel - - -                                                                             | 4                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | North, Colonel - - -                                                                            | 4                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | O'Reilly, Major - - -                                                                           | 4                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Peel, General - - -                                                                             | 5                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Somerset, Colonel Edward -                                                                      | 5                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Trevelyan, Mr. - - -                                                                            | 3                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Trollope, Sir John - - -                                                                        | 0                                                | - - -                                          | - - -                                                 | Vacated his seat, on<br>being created a Peer,<br>26 April. |
|                                                                                         | Vivian, Captain - - -                                                                           | 3                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Wyndham, Mr. Percy -                                                                            | 5                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
| 23.                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |                                                  |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
| Petit Juries (Ireland) Bill -                                                           | - - - - -                                                                                       | -                                                | 2                                              | - Nil.                                                |                                                            |
| Moved for by Mr. Attorney<br>General for Ireland.                                       | Attorney General for Ireland,<br>Mr. (Chairman).                                                | 1                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Cogan, Mr. - - -                                                                                | 1                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Cooper, Mr. - - -                                                                               | 2                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Dunne, General - - -                                                                            | 2                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Garth, Mr. - - -                                                                                | 0                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Hamilton, Lord Claud -                                                                          | 1                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Headlam, Mr. - - -                                                                              | 0                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Heygate, Sir Frederick -                                                                        | 1                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Huddleston, Mr. - - -                                                                           | 1                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Kavanagh, Mr. - - -                                                                             | 2                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Monsell, Mr. - - -                                                                              | 2                                                | - - -                                          | - - -                                                 | Acted once as Chair-<br>man.                               |
|                                                                                         | O'Connor Don, The - - -                                                                         | 2                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | O'Loughlen, Sir Colman -                                                                        | 0                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | O'Reilly, Mr. - - -                                                                             | 2                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Pim, Mr. - - -                                                                                  | 1                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
| 24.                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |                                                  |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
| Poor Rates Assessment, &c. -                                                            | - - - - -                                                                                       | -                                                | 21                                             | 51 19 -                                               |                                                            |
| Moved for by Mr. Ayrton.                                                                | Ayrton, Mr., Chairman -                                                                         | 14                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Beach, Sir Michael Hicks -                                                                      | 19                                               | - - -                                          | - - -                                                 | Sat seven times as<br>Chairman.                            |
|                                                                                         | Bright, Mr. - - -                                                                               | 1                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Floyer, Mr. - - -                                                                               | 11                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Goldney, Mr. - - -                                                                              | 14                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Goschen, Mr. - - -                                                                              | 16                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Hamilton, Mr. Edward -                                                                          | 5                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Hardy, Mr. Secretary Gathorne                                                                   | 6                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Hibbert, Mr. - - -                                                                              | 12                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Hodgkinson, Mr. - - -                                                                           | 10                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Hogg, Colonel - - -                                                                             | 18                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Kekewich, Mr. - - -                                                                             | 20                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Lefevre, Mr. Shaw - - -                                                                         | 17                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Paull, Mr. - - -                                                                                | 18                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Powell, Mr. - - -                                                                               | 11                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | St. Aubyn, Mr. - - -                                                                            | 14                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Trevelyan, Mr. - - -                                                                            | 11                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Villiers, Mr. - - -                                                                             | 17                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Woodd, Mr. - - -                                                                                | 13                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
| 25.                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |                                                  |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
| Printing - - - - -                                                                      | - - - - -                                                                                       | -                                                | -                                              | -                                                     |                                                            |
| A Sessional Committee.                                                                  | Bonham-Carter, Mr. - - -                                                                        | -                                                | -                                              | -                                                     |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Cardwell, Mr. - - -                                                                             | -                                                | -                                              | -                                                     |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Childers, Mr. - - -                                                                             | -                                                | -                                              | -                                                     |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Gaskell, Mr. - - -                                                                              | -                                                | -                                              | -                                                     |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Henley, Mr. - - -                                                                               | -                                                | -                                              | -                                                     |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Northcote, Sir Stafford -                                                                       | -                                                | -                                              | -                                                     |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | O'Connor Don, The - - -                                                                         | -                                                | -                                              | -                                                     |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Pakington, Sir John - - -                                                                       | -                                                | -                                              | -                                                     |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Russell, Mr. Hastings -                                                                         | -                                                | -                                              | -                                                     |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Walpole, Mr. - - -                                                                              | -                                                | -                                              | -                                                     | No Minutes kept.                                           |

RETURN RELATING TO SELECT COMMITTEES, SESSION 1867-8.

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| Subjects of Inquiry,<br>and<br>Names of the Members who<br>Moved<br>for each Committee.                         | Names of<br>Members appointed to Serve<br>on<br>each Committee,<br>and<br>the Chairman of each.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Number<br>of<br>Days each<br>Member<br>attended.                                                 | Number<br>of<br>Days each<br>Committee<br>met. | Total Expense<br>of<br>Attendance<br>of<br>Witnesses. | REMARKS.                                        |
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| 26.<br>Prisons (Scotland) Administra-<br>tion Act Amendment Bill.<br><br>Moved for by Sir Edward<br>Colebrooke. | - - - - -<br>Colebrooke, Sir Edward,<br>Chairman.<br>Bouverie, Mr. - - -<br>Cochrane, Mr. Baillie -<br>Graham, Mr. - - -<br>Merry, Mr. - - -<br>Ramsay, Mr. - - -<br>Capper, Mr. - - -<br>Lechmere, Sir Edmund<br>Lloyd, Sir Thomas -<br>Vance, Mr. - - -<br>Welby, Mr. - - -                                                                                                                                                                                    | -<br>1<br>1<br>1<br>1<br>1<br>1<br>1<br>1<br>1<br>1<br>1                                         | 1                                              | £. s. d.<br>- Nil.                                    | } Added by the Com-<br>mittee of Selection.     |
| 27.<br>Public Accounts - - -<br>A Sessional Committee.                                                          | - - - - -<br>Childers, Mr., Chairman<br>Egerton, Mr. Algernon<br>Hankey, Mr. - - -<br>Howes, Mr. - - -<br>Laing, Mr. - - -<br>Liddell, Mr. - - -<br>Pollard-Urquhart, Mr.<br>Sclater-Booth, Mr. -<br>Seely, Mr. - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | -<br>8<br>7<br>6<br>2<br>3<br>4<br>6<br>6<br>4                                                   | 8                                              | - Nil.                                                |                                                 |
| 28.<br>Public Petitions - - -<br>A Sessional Committee.                                                         | - - - - -<br>Forster, Mr. Charles, Chairman<br>Bonham-Carter, Mr. -<br>De Grey, Mr. - - -<br>Gavin, Major - - -<br>Kinnaird, Mr. - - -<br>M'Lagan, Mr. - - -<br>O'Loughlen, Sir Colman<br>Russell, Sir Charles -<br>Russell, Mr. Hastings<br>Salomons, Mr. Alderman<br>Sandford, Mr. - - -<br>Stanley, Mr. Owen<br>Surtees, Mr. Henry Edward<br>Torrens, Mr. Robert -<br>Yorke, Mr. Reginald -                                                                   | 32<br>7<br>6<br>25<br>16<br>21<br>5<br>2<br>22<br>14<br>14<br>15<br>10<br>1<br>9                 | 32                                             | - Nil.                                                |                                                 |
| 29.<br>Public Schools Bill - - -<br>Moved for by Mr. Neate.                                                     | - - - - -<br>Walpole, Mr., Chairman<br>Ayrton, Mr. - - -<br>Benyon, Mr. - - -<br>Bentinck, Mr. Cavendish<br>Cardwell, Mr. - - -<br>Clement, Mr. - - -<br>Duff, Mr. Grant - -<br>Enfield, Viscount -<br>Forster, Mr. W. E. -<br>Goschen, Mr. - - -<br>Griffith, Mr. Darby -<br>Heathcote, Sir William<br>Howes, Mr. - - -<br>Mowbray, Mr. - - -<br>Neate, Mr. - - -<br>Neville-Grenville, Mr.<br>Northcote, Sir Stafford<br>Powell, Mr. - - -<br>Stone, Mr. - - - | -<br>5<br>8<br>7<br>7<br>5<br>1<br>7<br>6<br>7<br>5<br>7<br>8<br>5<br>8<br>8<br>7<br>3<br>7<br>8 | 8                                              | - Nil.                                                |                                                 |
|                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                  |                                                |                                                       | 31 times as Chair-<br>man.<br>Once as Chairman. |
|                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                  |                                                |                                                       | Acted once as Chair-<br>man.                    |
|                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                  |                                                |                                                       | Acted twice as Chair-<br>man.                   |



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| 30.<br>Queen Anne's Bounty Board . -<br>Moved for by Mr. Bouverie.                      | - - - - -<br>Bouverie, Mr., Chairman -<br>Akroyd, Mr. - - - -<br>Bentinck, Mr. Cavendish -<br>Bruce, Lord Charles - -<br>Feilden, Mr. - - - -<br>Greville-Nugent, Mr. -<br>Hope, Mr. Beresford -<br>Howard, Mr. - - - -<br>Howes, Mr. - - - -<br>Monk, Mr. - - - -<br>Newdegate, Mr. - - -<br>Pease, Mr. - - - -<br>Peel, Mr. John - - - -<br>Powell, Mr. - - - -<br>Schreiber, Mr. - - -                                     | - - - - -<br>6<br>5<br>5<br>6<br>6<br>4<br>5<br>5<br>2<br>6<br>4<br>1<br>5<br>5<br>5      | - 6 -                                          | £. s. d.<br>- Nil.                                    |                                                |
| 31.<br>Railway and Canal Bills, General<br>Committee on.<br>A Sessional Committee.      | - - - - -<br>Woodd, Mr., Chairman -<br>Colebrooke, Sir Edward -<br>Dent, Mr. - - - -<br>Goldsmid, Sir Francis -<br>Hanmer, Sir John - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | - - - - -<br>7<br>4<br>5<br>5<br>3                                                        | - 7 -                                          | - Nil.                                                |                                                |
| 32.<br>Registration Bill - - -<br>Moved for by Mr. Secretary<br>Gathorne Hardy.         | - - - - -<br>Hardy, Mr. Secretary Ga-<br>thorne, Chairman.<br>Ayrton, Mr. - - - -<br>Bouverie, Mr. - - - -<br>Bowyer, Sir George - -<br>Collier, Sir Robert - -<br>Forster, Mr. W. E. - -<br>Garth, Mr. - - - -<br>Graves, Mr. - - - -<br>Grey, Sir George - - -<br>Hibbert, Mr. - - - -<br>Knightley, Sir Rainald -<br>Leeman, Mr. - - - -<br>Russell, Sir Charles - -<br>Solicitor General, The -<br>Surtees, Captain - - - | - - - - -<br>2<br>2<br>2<br>2<br>2<br>2<br>2<br>2<br>2<br>2<br>2<br>2<br>2<br>2<br>2<br>2 | - 2 -                                          | - Nil.                                                |                                                |
| 33.<br>Royal Gun Factories - - -                                                        | - - - - -<br>Anson, Major, Chairman -<br>Baggallay, Mr. - - - -<br>Bazley, Mr. - - - -<br>Howes, Mr. - - - -<br>Laird, Mr. - - - -<br>Samuda, Mr. - - - -<br>Scourfield, Mr. - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | - - - - -<br>4<br>4<br>3<br>3<br>4<br>4<br>4                                              | - 4 -                                          | - Nil.                                                |                                                |
| 34.<br>St. Mary Somerset's Church Bill<br>Moved for by Mr. Bentinck.                    | - - - - -<br>Powell, Mr., Chairman -<br>Bentinck, Mr. - - - -<br>Chambers, Mr. - - - -<br>Crawford, Mr. - - - -<br>Lawrence, Mr. Alderman -<br>Manners, Lord John - -<br>Tite, Mr. - - - -<br>Waldegrave-Leslie, Mr. -<br>Gore, Sir Ormsby - - -<br>Griffith, Mr. Darby - -<br>Lorne, Marquis of - - -<br>Martin, Mr. Philip - - -<br>Russell, Mr. - - - -                                                                    | - - - - -<br>1<br>1<br>0<br>0<br>1<br>1<br>0<br>1<br>1<br>0<br>1<br>1<br>0<br>0           | - 1 -                                          | - Nil.                                                |                                                |
|                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                           |                                                |                                                       | Added by the Com-<br>mittee of Selec-<br>tion. |

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| 35.<br>Sale of Liquors on Sunday Bill -<br>Moved for by Mr. John Abel<br>Smith.         | - - - - -<br>Fergusson, Sir James, Chair-<br>man.<br>Baines, Mr. - - -<br>Berkeley, Mr. - - -<br>Bright, Mr. John - - -<br>Evans, Mr. - - -<br>Fane, Colonel (Hants) - - -<br>Hibbert, Mr. - - -<br>Horsfall, Mr. - - -<br>Knatchbull-Hugessen, Mr. - - -<br>Locke, Mr. - - -<br>Malcolm, Mr. - - -<br>Roebuck, Mr. - - -<br>Smith, Mr. John Abel - - -<br>Stanley, Mr. Frederick - - -<br>Yorke, Mr. - - -                                                                      | -<br>19<br>18<br>6<br>3<br>15<br>15<br>14<br>13<br>14<br>20<br>11<br>17<br>20<br>15<br>15                     | -<br>20                                        | £. s. d.<br>174 2 -                                   |                                               |
| 36.<br>Sale of Liquors on Sunday (Ire-<br>land) Bill.<br>Moved for by Mr. O'Reilly.     | - - - - -<br>O'Reilly, Mr., Chairman -<br>Cubitt, Mr. - - -<br>Dawson, Mr. - - -<br>Fortescue, Mr. Chichester -<br>Gavin, Major - - -<br>Hamilton, Lord Claud - - -<br>Leader, Mr. - - -<br>Mayo, Earl of - - -<br>Monsell, Mr. - - -<br>Montgomery, Sir Graham -<br>Murphy, Mr. - - -<br>O'Neill, Mr. - - -<br>Pim, Mr. - - -<br>Pollard-Urquhart, Mr. -<br>Staepoole, Mr. - - -                                                                                                | -<br>13<br>8<br>13<br>9<br>13<br>7<br>10<br>5<br>8<br>11<br>13<br>11<br>13<br>13<br>11                        | -<br>13                                        | 224 14 3                                              |                                               |
| 37.<br>Scientific Instruction - - -<br>Moved for by Mr. Samuelson.                      | - - - - -<br>Samuelson, Mr., Chairman -<br>Acland, Mr. - - -<br>Akroyd, Mr. - - -<br>Bagnall, Mr. - - -<br>Bazley, Mr. - - -<br>Beecroft, Mr. - - -<br>Bruce, Mr. Henry Austin -<br>Cavendish, Lord Frederic -<br>Dixon, Mr. - - -<br>Graves, Mr. - - -<br>Gregory, Mr. - - -<br>Hughes, Mr. Thomas -<br>Lanyon, Sir Charles - - -<br>Lowther, Mr. William -<br>M'Lagan, Mr. - - -<br>Montagu, Lord Robert -<br>Potter, Mr. Edmund - - -<br>Powell, Mr. - - -<br>Read, Mr. - - - | -<br>23<br>17<br>20<br>13<br>18<br>1<br>9<br>16<br>22<br>10<br>8<br>0<br>11<br>20<br>8<br>9<br>22<br>12<br>16 | -<br>23                                        | 102 13 9                                              |                                               |
| 38.<br>Selection - - - - -<br>A Sessional Committee.                                    | - - - - -<br>Hotham, Lord, Chairman -<br>Bridges, Sir Brooke - - -<br>Browne, Lord John - - -<br>Dunlop, Mr. - - -<br>Heathcote, Sir William -<br>Scourfield, Mr. - - -<br>Whitbread, Mr. - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | -<br>27<br>8<br>19<br>1<br>5<br>12<br>23                                                                      | -<br>28                                        | - Nil.                                                |                                               |
|                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                               |                                                |                                                       | Vacated his seat, on<br>being created a Peer. |
|                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                               |                                                |                                                       | Added, 27 April.                              |

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| 39.                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |                                                  |                                                | £. s. d.                                              |                                                            |
| Shannon River - - -                                                                     | - - - - -                                                                                       | -                                                | 7                                              | 79 10 -                                               |                                                            |
| Moved for by Colonel French.                                                            | French, Colonel, Chairman -                                                                     | 7                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Acland, Mr. - - -                                                                               | 3                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Agar-Ellis, Mr. - - -                                                                           | 5                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Bonham-Carter, Mr. - - -                                                                        | 7                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Dering, Sir Edward - - -                                                                        | 0                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Dunne, General - - -                                                                            | 3                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Gore, Sir William Ormsby -                                                                      | 7                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Gregory, Mr. - - -                                                                              | 7                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Laird, Mr. - - -                                                                                | 3                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Montgomery, Sir Graham -                                                                        | 6                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Pollard-Urquhart, Mr. -                                                                         | 7                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Slater-Booth, Mr. - - -                                                                         | 6                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Vandeleur, Colonel - - -                                                                        | 6                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
| 40.                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |                                                  |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
| Special and Common Juries -                                                             | - - - - -                                                                                       | -                                                | 8                                              | 18 2 -                                                |                                                            |
| Moved for by Viscount Enfield.                                                          | Enfield, Viscount, Chairman -                                                                   | 8                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Denman, Mr. - - -                                                                               | 4                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Freshfield, Mr. - - -                                                                           | 7                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Headlam, Mr. - - -                                                                              | 6                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Huddleston, Mr. - - -                                                                           | 5                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Lusk, Mr. Alderman - - -                                                                        | 3                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Russell, Mr. Hastings - - -                                                                     | 5                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Salomons, Mr. Alderman -                                                                        | 6                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Solicitor General, Mr. -                                                                        | 1                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Stuart, Colonel William -                                                                       | 7                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Turner, Mr. - - -                                                                               | 6                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Whatman, Mr. - - -                                                                              | 5                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Wynn, Mr. Charles - - -                                                                         | 4                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
| 41.                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |                                                  |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
| Standing Orders - - -                                                                   | - - - - -                                                                                       | -                                                | 23                                             | - Nil.                                                |                                                            |
| A Sessional Committee.                                                                  | Hotham, Lord, Chairman -                                                                        | 20                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Bonham-Carter, Mr. - - -                                                                        | 13                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Bridges, Sir Brooke - - -                                                                       | 12                                               | - - -                                          | - - -                                                 | Vacated his seat, on<br>being created a Peer,<br>20 April. |
|                                                                                         | Browne, Lord John - - -                                                                         | 18                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Dunlop, Mr. - - -                                                                               | 11                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Hankey, Mr. - - -                                                                               | 20                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Heathcote, Sir William -                                                                        | 5                                                |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Henley, Mr. - - -                                                                               | 17                                               | - - -                                          | - - -                                                 | Mr. Henley acted<br>three times as<br>Chairman.            |
|                                                                                         | Lefroy, Mr. - - -                                                                               | 20                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Russell, Mr. Hastings -                                                                         | 19                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |
|                                                                                         | Scourfield, Mr. - - -                                                                           | 8                                                | - - -                                          | - - -                                                 | Added, 27 April.                                           |
|                                                                                         | Whitbread, Mr. - - -                                                                            | 20                                               |                                                |                                                       |                                                            |

Total Number of Members who served on Select Committees

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# SELECT COMMITTEES.

RETURN of the Number of SELECT COMMITTEES appointed in the Session of 1867-8; the Subjects of Inquiry; the Names of the Members appointed to Serve on each, and of the Chairman of each; the Number of Days each Committee met, and the Number of Days each Member attended; the Total Expense of the Attendance of Witnesses at each Select Committee, and the Name of the Member who moved for such Committee; also, the Total Number of MEMBERS who served on SELECT COMMITTEES.

(*Mr. Charles Forster.*)

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RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 9 July 1868 ;—*for*,

A RETURN “ of the Number of DAYS on which THE HOUSE SAT in the Session of 1867–8, stating, for each Day, the Date of the Month, and the Day of the Week, the Hour of Meeting, and the Hour of Adjournment ; and the Total Number of Hours occupied in the Sittings of The House, and the Average Time ; and showing the Number of Hours on which The House Sat each Day, and the Number of Hours after Midnight ; and the Number of Entries in each Day’s Votes and Proceedings (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.146, of Session 1867).”

(*Mr. Charles Forster.*)

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| Day of the Month. | Day of the Week.                        | Hour of Meeting. | Hour of Adjournment. | Number of Hours Sitting. | Number of Hours after Midnight. | Number of Entries in Votes. |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1867:             |                                         | H. M.            | H. M.                | H. M.                    | H. M.                           |                             |
| November 19 -     | Tuesday -                               | 1 30             | 7 45                 | 6 15                     | - -                             | 23                          |
| 20 -              | Wednesday -                             | 12 0             | 1 30                 | 1 30                     | - -                             | 8                           |
| 21 -              | Thursday -                              | 4 0              | 6 15                 | 2 15                     | - -                             | 29                          |
| 22 -              | Friday -                                | 4 0              | 5 30                 | 1 30                     | - -                             | 13                          |
| 25 -              | Monday -                                | 4 0              | 5 45                 | 0 45                     | - -                             | 23                          |
| 26 -              | Tuesday -                               | 4 0              | 1 0                  | 9 0                      | 1 0                             | 24                          |
| 27 -              | Wednesday -                             | 12 0             | 1 15                 | 1 15                     | - -                             | 14                          |
| 28 -              | Thursday -                              | 4 0              | 12 45                | 8 45                     | 0 45                            | 31                          |
| 29 -              | Friday -                                | 4 0              | 10 30                | 6 30                     | - -                             | 39                          |
| 30 -              | Saturday -                              | 12 0             | 12 30                | 0 30                     | - -                             | 8                           |
| TOTAL - - -       | 10                                      | - -              | - -                  | 38 15                    | 1 45                            | 212                         |
| December 2 -      | Monday -                                | 4 0              | 5 30                 | 1 30                     | - -                             | 41                          |
| 3 -               | Tuesday -                               | 4 0              | 7 15                 | 3 15                     | - -                             | 32                          |
| 5 -               | Thursday -                              | 4 0              | 7 0                  | 3 0                      | - -                             | 33                          |
| 6 -               | Friday -                                | 4 0              | 7 0                  | 3 0                      | - -                             | 38                          |
| 7 -               | Saturday -                              | 12 0             | 1 45                 | 1 45                     | - -                             | 14                          |
|                   | Adjourned till Thursday, 13th February. |                  |                      |                          |                                 |                             |
| TOTAL - - -       | 5                                       | - -              | - -                  | 12 30                    | - -                             | 158                         |
| 1868:             |                                         |                  |                      |                          |                                 |                             |
| February - 13 -   | Thursday -                              | 4 0              | 7 30                 | 3 30                     | - -                             | 68                          |
| 14 -              | Friday -                                | 4 0              | 9 45                 | 5 45                     | - -                             | 195                         |
| 17 -              | Monday -                                | 4 0              | 9 15                 | 5 15                     | - -                             | 184                         |
| 18 -              | Tuesday -                               | 4 0              | 11 0                 | 7 0                      | - -                             | 68                          |
| 19 -              | Wednesday -                             | 12 0             | 4 0                  | 4 0                      | - -                             | 25                          |
| 20 -              | Thursday -                              | 4 0              | 5 45                 | 1 45                     | - -                             | 64                          |
| 21 -              | Friday -                                | 4 0              | 8 0                  | 4 0                      | - -                             | 29                          |
| 24 -              | Monday -                                | 4 0              | 6 30                 | 2 30                     | - -                             | 180                         |
| 25 -              | Tuesday -                               | 4 0              | 4 45                 | 0 45                     | - -                             | 55                          |
|                   | Adjourned till Friday, 28th February.   |                  |                      |                          |                                 |                             |
| 28 -              | Friday -                                | 4 0              | 4 45                 | 0 45                     | - -                             | 52                          |
| TOTAL - - -       | 10                                      | - -              | - -                  | 35 15                    | - -                             | 920                         |

RETURN of the Number of Days on which The House Sat in Session 1867-8, &c.—*continued.*

| Day of the Month.                  | Day of the Week. | Hour of Meeting. | Hour of Adjournment. | Number of Hours Sitting. | Number of Hours after Midnight. | Number of Entries in Votes. |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1868 :                             |                  | H. M.            | H. M.                | H. M.                    | H. M.                           |                             |
| March - 5 -                        | Thursday -       | 4 0              | 8 0                  | 4 0                      | - -                             | 86                          |
| 6 -                                | Friday -         | 4 0              | 8 45                 | 4 45                     | - -                             | 46                          |
| 9 -                                | Monday -         | 4 0              | 11 30                | 7 30                     | - -                             | 69                          |
| 10 -                               | Tuesday -        | 4 0              | 1 15                 | 9 15                     | 1 15                            | 55                          |
| 11 -                               | Wednesday -      | 12 0             | 5 15                 | 5 15                     | - -                             | 44                          |
| 12 -                               | Thursday -       | 4 0              | 12 0                 | 8 0                      | - -                             | 53                          |
| 13 -                               | Friday -         | 4 0              | 12 0                 | 8 0                      | - -                             | 59                          |
| 16 -                               | Monday -         | 4 0              | 2 0                  | 10 0                     | 2 0                             | 68                          |
| 17 -                               | Tuesday -        | 4 0              | 8 0                  | 4 0                      | - -                             | 60                          |
| 18 -                               | Wednesday -      | 12 0             | 5 30                 | 5 30                     | - -                             | 59                          |
| 19 -                               | Thursday -       | 4 0              | 11 45                | 7 45                     | - -                             | 73                          |
| 20 -                               | Friday -         | 4 0              | 12 30                | 8 30                     | 0 30                            | 63                          |
| 23 -                               | Monday -         | 4 0              | 1 0                  | 9 0                      | 1 0                             | 75                          |
| 24 -                               | Tuesday -        | 4 0              | 1 30                 | 9 30                     | 1 30                            | 82                          |
| 25 -                               | Wednesday -      | 12 0             | 5 45                 | 5 45                     | - -                             | 47                          |
| 26 -                               | Thursday -       | 4 0              | 1 45                 | 9 45                     | 1 45                            | 78                          |
| 27 -                               | Friday -         | 4 0              | 1 45                 | 9 45                     | 1 45                            | 58                          |
| 30 -                               | Monday -         | 4 0              | 12 30                | 8 30                     | 0 30                            | 84                          |
| 31 -                               | Tuesday -        | 4 0              | 12 0                 | 8 0                      | - -                             | 62                          |
| TOTAL - - -                        | 19               | - -              | - -                  | 142 45                   | 10 15                           | 1,221                       |
| April - 1 -                        | Wednesday -      | 12 0             | 5 50                 | 5 50                     | - -                             | 40                          |
| 2 -                                | Thursday -       | 4 0              | 12 15                | 8 15                     | 0 15                            | 85                          |
| 3 -                                | Friday -         | 4 0              | 3 15                 | 11 15                    | 3 15                            | 90                          |
| Adjourned till Monday, 20th April. |                  |                  |                      |                          |                                 |                             |
| 20 -                               | Monday -         | 4 0              | 12 30                | 8 30                     | 0 30                            | 86                          |
| 21 -                               | Tuesday -        | 4 0              | 11 30                | 7 30                     | -                               | 71                          |
| 22 -                               | Wednesday -      | 12 0             | 5 15                 | 5 15                     | - -                             | 50                          |
| 23 -                               | Thursday -       | 4 0              | 11 15                | 7 15                     | - -                             | 98                          |
| 24 -                               | Friday -         | 4 0              | 12 45                | 8 45                     | 0 45                            | 70                          |
| 27 -                               | Monday -         | 4 0              | 1 0                  | 9 0                      | 1 0                             | 111                         |
| 28 -                               | Tuesday -        | 4 0              | 1 0                  | 9 0                      | 1 0                             | 73                          |
| 29 -                               | Wednesday -      | 12 0             | 5 45                 | 5 45                     | - -                             | 42                          |
| 30 -                               | Thursday -       | 4 0              | 3 0                  | 11 0                     | 3 0                             | 86                          |
| TOTAL - - -                        | 12               | - -              | - -                  | 97 20                    | 9 45                            | 902                         |

RETURN of the Number of Days on which The House Sat in Session 1867-8, &c.—*continued.*

| Day of the Month.                  | Day of the Week. | Hour of Meeting. | Hour of Adjournment. | Number of Hours Sitting. | Number of Hours after Midnight. | Number of Entries in Votes. |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1868 :                             |                  | H. M.            | H. M.                | H. M.                    | H. M.                           |                             |
| May - 4 -                          | Monday -         | 4 0              | 11 30                | 7 30                     | - -                             | 119                         |
| 5 -                                | Tuesday -        | 4 0              | 12 45                | 8 45                     | 0 45                            | 85                          |
| 6 -                                | Wednesday -      | 12 0             | 3 45                 | 3 45                     | - -                             | 41                          |
| 7 -                                | Thursday -       | 4 0              | 1 30                 | 9 30                     | 1 30                            | 81                          |
| 8 -                                | Friday -         | 4 0              | 12 30                | 8 30                     | 0 30                            | 81                          |
| 11 -                               | Monday -         | 4 0              | 1 0                  | 9 0                      | 1 0                             | 95                          |
| 12 -                               | Tuesday -        | 4 0              | 1 45                 | 9 45                     | 1 45                            | 81                          |
| 13 -                               | Wednesday -      | 12 0             | 5 55                 | 5 55                     | - -                             | 54                          |
| 14 -                               | Thursday -       | 4 0              | 1 0                  | 9 0                      | 1 0                             | 89                          |
| 15 -                               | Friday -         | 4 0              | 12 30                | 8 30                     | 0 30                            | 66                          |
| 18 -                               | Monday -         | 4 0              | 12 45                | 8 45                     | 0 45                            | 103                         |
| 19 -                               | Tuesday -        | 4 0              | 1 15                 | 9 15                     | 1 15                            | 91                          |
| 20 -                               | Wednesday -      | 12 0             | 5 55                 | 5 55                     | - -                             | 43                          |
| 21 -                               | Thursday -       | 4 0              | 1 15                 | 9 15                     | 1 15                            | 88                          |
| 22 -                               | Friday -         | 4 0              | 1 45                 | 9 45                     | 1 45                            | 78                          |
| 25 -                               | Monday -         | 4 0              | 1 30                 | 9 30                     | 1 30                            | 106                         |
| 26 -                               | Tuesday -        | 4 0              |                      |                          |                                 |                             |
| Adjourned till Thursday, 28th May. |                  |                  |                      |                          |                                 |                             |
| 28 -                               | Thursday -       | 4 0              | 1 30                 | 9 30                     | 1 30                            | 116                         |
| 29 -                               | Friday -         | 4 0              | 1 0                  | 9 0                      | 1 0                             | 70                          |
| Adjourned till Thursday, 4th June. |                  |                  |                      |                          |                                 |                             |
| TOTAL - - -                        | 19               | - -              | - -                  | 151 5                    | 16 0                            | 1,487                       |
| June - 4 -                         | Thursday -       | 4 0              | 1 45                 | 9 45                     | 1 45                            | 77                          |
| 5 -                                | Friday -         | 4 0              | 9 45                 | 5 45                     | - -                             | 56                          |
| 8 -                                | Monday -         | 4 0              | 12 45                | 8 45                     | 0 45                            | 98                          |
| 9 -                                | Tuesday -        | 12 0             | 8 15                 | 8 15                     | - -                             | 48                          |
| 10 -                               | Wednesday -      | 12 0             | 5 55                 | 5 55                     | - -                             | 56                          |
| 11 -                               | Thursday -       | 4 0              | 12 30                | 8 30                     | 0 30                            | 70                          |
| 12 -                               | Friday -         | 4 0              | 2 0                  | 10 0                     | 2 0                             | 64                          |
| 15 -                               | Monday -         | 4 0              | 2 0                  | 10 0                     | 2 0                             | 87                          |
| 16 -                               | Tuesday -        | 2 0              | 1 15                 | 11 15                    | 1 15                            | 50                          |
| 17 -                               | Wednesday -      | 12 0             | 5 55                 | 5 55                     | - -                             | 55                          |
| 18 -                               | Thursday -       | 4 0              | 2 30                 | 10 30                    | 2 30                            | 76                          |
| 19 -                               | Friday -         | 4 0              | 4 15                 | 0 15                     | - -                             | 17                          |
| 22 -                               | Monday -         | 4 0              | 1 30                 | 9 30                     | 1 30                            | 75                          |
| 23 -                               | Tuesday -        | 2 0              | 1 45                 | 11 45                    | 1 45                            | 60                          |
| 24 -                               | Wednesday -      | 12 0             | 5 50                 | 5 50                     | - -                             | 41                          |
| 25 -                               | Thursday -       | 4 0              | 1 45                 | 9 45                     | 1 45                            | 89                          |
| 26 -                               | Friday -         | 2 0              | 12 30                | 10 30                    | 0 30                            | 73                          |
| 29 -                               | Monday -         | 4 0              | 2 15                 | 10 15                    | 2 15                            | 109                         |
| 30 -                               | Tuesday -        | 4 0              | 1 45                 | 9 45                     | 1 45                            | 72                          |
| TOTAL - - -                        | 19               | - -              | - -                  | 162 10                   | 20 15                           | 1,273                       |



RETURN of the Number of Days on which The House Sat in Session 1867-8, &c.—*continued.*

| Day of the Month. | Day of the Week. | Hour of Meeting. |    | Hour of Adjournment. |    | Number of Hours Sitting. | Number of Hours after Midnight. | Number of Entries in Votes. |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|----|----------------------|----|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1868 :            |                  | H.               | M. | H.                   | M. | H.                       | M.                              |                             |
| July - 1 -        | Wednesday -      | 12               | 0  | 5                    | 55 | 5                        | 55                              | 54                          |
| 2 -               | Thursday -       | 4                | 0  | 1                    | 30 | 9                        | 30                              | 72                          |
| 3 -               | Friday -         | 2                | 0  | 1                    | 45 | 11                       | 45                              | 65                          |
| 6 -               | Monday -         | 4                | 0  | 1                    | 45 | 9                        | 45                              | 89                          |
| 7 -               | Tuesday -        | 2                | 0  | 1                    | 30 | 11                       | 30                              | 68                          |
| 8 -               | Wednesday -      | 12               | 0  | 5                    | 55 | 5                        | 55                              | 53                          |
| 9 -               | Thursday -       | 4                | 0  | 2                    | 0  | 10                       | 0                               | 69                          |
| 10 -              | Friday -         | 2                | 0  | 2                    | 30 | 12                       | 30                              | 72                          |
| 13 -              | Monday -         | 4                | 0  | 2                    | 30 | 15                       | 30                              | 91                          |
| 14 -              | Tuesday -        | 2                | 0  | 2                    | 0  | 10                       | 0                               | 63                          |
| 15 -              | Wednesday -      | 12               | 0  | 5                    | 55 | 5                        | 55                              | 45                          |
| 16 -              | Thursday -       | 12               | 0  | 3                    | 0  | 16                       | 0                               | 68                          |
| 17 -              | Friday -         | 2                | 0  | 2                    | 30 | 12                       | 30                              | 60                          |
| 18 -              | Saturday -       | 12               | 0  | 5                    | 0  | 5                        | 0                               | 36                          |
| 20 -              | Monday -         | 4                | 0  | 3                    | 15 | 11                       | 15                              | 55                          |
| 21 -              | Tuesday -        | 4                | 0  | 1                    | 45 | 9                        | 45                              | 43                          |
| 22 -              | Wednesday -      | 12               | 0  | 6                    | 0  | 6                        | 0                               | 37                          |
| 23 -              | Thursday -       | 2                | 0  | 9                    | 15 | 7                        | 15                              | 25                          |
| 24 -              | Friday -         | 2                | 0  | 3                    | 30 | 13                       | 30                              | 82                          |
| 25 -              | Saturday -       | 12               | 0  | 2                    | 45 | 2                        | 45                              | 30                          |
| 27 -              | Monday -         | 4                | 0  | 2                    | 45 | 10                       | 45                              | 74                          |
| 28 -              | Tuesday -        | 2                | 0  | 5                    | 30 | 3                        | 30                              | 38                          |
| 29 -              | Wednesday -      | 3                | 45 | 5                    | 15 | 1                        | 30                              | 46                          |
| 31 -              | Friday -         | 1                | 30 | Prorogation          |    | -                        | -                               | 30                          |
| TOTAL - - -       | 24               | -                | -  | -                    | -  | 203                      | 0                               | 1,365                       |

## SUMMARY.

| MONTH.           | Number of Days Sitting. | Number of Hours Sitting. | Number of Hours after Midnight. | Number of Entries in Votes. |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1867 :           |                         |                          |                                 |                             |
| November - - - - | 10                      | 38 15                    | 1 45                            | 212                         |
| December - - - - | 5                       | 12 30                    | - -                             | 158                         |
| 1868 :           |                         |                          |                                 |                             |
| February - - - - | 10                      | 35 15                    | - -                             | 920                         |
| March - - - -    | 19                      | 142 45                   | 10 15                           | 1,221                       |
| April - - - -    | 12                      | 97 20                    | 9 45                            | 902                         |
| May - - - -      | 19                      | 151 5                    | 16 0                            | 1,487                       |
| June - - - -     | 19                      | 162 10                   | 16 15                           | 1,273                       |
| July - - - -     | 24                      | 203 0                    | 32 15                           | 1,365                       |
| TOTAL - - - -    | 118                     | 842 20                   | 90 15                           | 7,538                       |

AVERAGE TIME OF SITTING - - - 7 Hours, 8  $\frac{36}{118}$  Minutes.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS SAT in the Session of  
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Meeting; Hour of Adjournment; &c.

(*Mr. Charles Forster.*)

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STANDING ORDERS.

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**THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.**

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I.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND  
EXAMINERS OF PETITIONS  
FOR PRIVATE BILLS.

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Appointment  
of Commit-  
tees and  
Examiners of  
Petitions for  
Private Bills.

## STANDING ORDERS.

### I.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND EXAMINERS OF PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS.

##### 1.

THERE shall be one or more Officers of this House, to be called "THE EXAMINERS OF PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS," who shall be appointed by Mr. Speaker. Examiners of  
Petitions.

##### 2.

There shall be a Committee, to be designated "THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS," to consist of *Eleven* Members, who shall be nominated at the commencement of every Session, of whom *Five* shall be a Quorum. Committee on  
Standing  
Orders.

##### 3.

There shall be a Committee, to be designated "THE COMMITTEE OF SELECTION," to consist of the Chairman of the Select Committee on Standing Orders, who shall be *ex-officio* Chairman thereof, and *Five* other Members, who shall be nominated at the commencement of every Session, of which Committee *Three* shall be a Quorum. Committee  
of Selection.

##### 4.

There shall be a Committee, to be designated "The General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills," which shall be nominated at the commencement of every Session by the Committee of Selection; of which Committee *Three* shall be a Quorum. General  
Committee  
on Railway  
and Canal  
Bills.

##### 5.

The Committee of Selection may, from time to time, discharge Members from further attendance on such General Committee, and add other Members in their room, and shall appoint the Chairman of such Committee. Committee  
of Selection  
may discharge  
Members and  
add others.

##### 6.

The General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills shall appoint from among themselves the Chairman of each Committee on a Railway or Canal Bill, or on a Group of such Bills, and may change the Chairman so appointed from time to time. General  
Committee  
to appoint  
Chairman.

Appointment  
of Commit-  
tees and  
Examiners of  
Petitions for  
Private Bills.

Committees  
on Railway  
and Canal  
Bills.

7.

The Committee on every opposed Railway and Canal Bill, or Group of Railway and Canal Bills, shall be composed of Four Members and a Referee, or Four Members not locally or otherwise interested in the Bill or Bills referred to them; the Chairman to be appointed by the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, and Three other Members by the Committee of Selection. (See also No. 103.)

8.

Committees  
on Opposed  
Private Bills.

The Committee on every opposed Private Bill (not being a Railway, Canal or Divorce Bill), or Group of Bills, shall be composed of a Chairman and Three Members and a Referee, or a Chairman and Three Members not locally or otherwise interested in the Bill or Bills referred to them, to be appointed by the Committee of Selection.

9.

Committees  
on Unopposed  
Private Bills.

The Committee on every unopposed Private Bill (not being a Railway, Canal or Divorce Bill), shall, if the same shall have originated in this House, be composed of the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, who shall be *ex-officio* Chairman of every such Committee, together with one of the Members ordered to prepare and bring in the Bill, and one other Member not locally or otherwise interested therein, such Members to be appointed by the Committee of Selection, and shall, if such Bill shall have been brought from the House of Lords, be composed of the Chairman, as aforesaid, and Two other Members, to be appointed by the Committee of Selection, of whom one at least shall not be locally or otherwise interested in the Bill; and the Chairman and one other Member of such Committee shall be the quorum thereof.

10.

Committee  
on Divorce  
Bills.

There shall be a Committee, to be designated "THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON DIVORCE BILLS," to consist of *Nine* Members, who shall be nominated at the commencement of every Session, of whom *Three* shall be a Quorum.

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II.  
THE TWO CLASSES OF PRIVATE  
BILLS.

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## II.

## THE TWO CLASSES OF PRIVATE BILLS.

## 11.

For the purposes of the Standing Orders of this House, all Private Bills to which the Standing Orders are applicable shall be divided into the Two following Classes, according to the subjects to which they respectively relate:—

**1st CLASS.**—Burial Ground, Making, Maintaining or Altering.  
 Charters and Corporations, enlarging or altering Powers of.  
 Church or Chapel, Building, Enlarging, Repairing or  
 Maintaining.  
 City or Town, Paving, Lighting, Watching, Cleansing or  
 Improving.  
 Company, Incorporating or giving Powers to.  
 County Rate.  
 County or Shire Hall, Court House.  
 Crown, Church, or Corporation Property, or Property  
 held in Trust for Public or Charitable Purposes.  
 Ferry.  
 Fishery, Making, Maintaining or Improving.  
 Gaol or House of Correction.  
 Land, Inclosing, Draining or Improving.  
 Letters Patent, Confirming, Prolonging or Transferring  
 the Term of.  
 Local Court, Constituting.  
 Market or Market-place, Erecting, Improving, Repair-  
 ing, Maintaining, or Regulating.  
 Police.  
 Poor, Maintaining or Employing.  
 Poor Rate.  
 Powers to sue and be sued, Conferring.  
 Stipendiary Magistrate, or any Public Officer, Payment of.

1st CLASS.

And

Continuing or amending an Act passed for any of the purposes included in this or the Second Class, where no further work than such as was authorized by a former Act is proposed to be made.

**2nd CLASS.**—Making, Maintaining, Varying, Extending or Enlarging any  
 Aqueduct. Ferry, where any work is  
 Archway. to be executed.  
 Bridge. Harbour.  
 Canal. Navigation.  
 Cut. Pier.  
 Dock. Port.  
 Drainage—making and main- Railway.  
 taining any Cut for Drain- Reservoir.  
 age, being a new Work, Sewer.  
 where it is not provided in Street.  
 the Bill that the same shall Street Tramway.  
 not be more than Eleven Tunnel.  
 feet width at the bottom. Turnpike or other Public  
 Embankment for reclaiming Carriage Road.  
 Land from the Sea or any Waterwork.  
 Tidal River.

2nd CLASS.





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III.

STANDING ORDERS,  
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12.

Compliance with the following Standing Orders shall be proved before one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills ; —viz.

1. *Notices by Advertisement.*

13.

In all cases where application is intended to be made for leave to bring in a Bill relating to any of the subjects included in either of the Two Classes of Private Bills, Notices shall be given stating the objects of such intended application, and the time at which copies of the Bill will be deposited in the Private Bill Office ; and if it be intended to apply for powers for the compulsory purchase of Lands or Houses, or for extending the time granted by any former Act for that purpose, or to amalgamate with any other Company, or to sell or lease the Undertaking, or to purchase or take on lease the Undertaking of any other Company, or to amend or repeal any former Act or Acts, or to levy any Tolls, Rates or Duties, or to alter any existing Tolls, Rates or Duties, or to confer, vary or extinguish any exemptions from payment of Tolls, Rates or Duties, or to confer, vary or extinguish any other rights or privileges, the Notices shall specify such intention ; and the whole of the Notice relating to the same Bill shall be included in the same Advertisement, which shall be headed by a short title, descriptive of the Undertaking or Bill, (and see Order 71).

Notices to state objects of application, when Bills will be deposited in Private Bill Office, and intention to seek for powers to purchase Lands, or to amalgamate, &c. or to levy or alter Tolls, to be stated.

14.

In cases of Bills included in the Second Class, and of Bills of the First Class, in respect to which Plans are required to be deposited, such Notices shall also contain a description of all the Termini, together with the Names of the Parishes, Townships, Townlands and extra-parochial places from, in, through or into which the Work is intended to be made, maintained, varied, extended or enlarged, or in which any lands or houses intended to be taken are situate, and shall state the time and place of deposit of the Plans, Sections, Books of Reference and Copies of the Gazette Notice respectively, with the Clerks of the Peace, Sheriff Clerks, Parish Clerks, Clerks of Vestries or District Boards, Schoolmasters, Session Clerks, Town Clerks and Clerks of Unions, as the case may be. (See Nos. 30, 31, 37 & 38.)

In Second Class Bills, Notices to contain Names of Parishes, &c.



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compliance  
with which is to be  
proved before  
Examiners.

Notices to  
specify limits  
of Burial  
Ground or  
Gas Works.

Street  
Tramways.

15.

In cases of Bills respecting any Burial Ground, Cemetery or Gas Works, the Notices shall set forth and specify the limits within which such Burial Ground, Cemetery or Gas Works are intended to be erected or made.

16.

In cases of Bills for laying down any Street Tramway, the Notices and Plans shall set forth, specify, and indicate, whether it is proposed to lay such Tramway along the centre of any street, and if not along the centre, then on which side of, and at what distance from, an imaginary line drawn along the centre of such Street. In the months of *October* and *November*, or one of them, immediately preceding the application for any Bill for laying down a Street Tramway, notice thereof shall be posted for fourteen consecutive days in the Street or Streets along which it is proposed to lay such Tramway, in such manner as the Authority having the control of such Street or Streets shall direct; and if after application to such Authority no such direction shall be given, then in some conspicuous position in such Street or Streets.

17.

*Cuts, Canals,  
Navigations,  
&c.*

When it is  
intended to  
divert Water  
from an exist-  
ing Cut, &c.

In all cases where it is proposed to divert into any intended Cut, Canal, Reservoir, Aqueduct or Navigation, or into any intended variation, extension or enlargement thereof respectively, any Water from any existing Cut, Canal, Reservoir, Aqueduct or Navigation, whether directly or derivatively, and whether under any agreement with the Proprietors thereof or otherwise, the Notices shall contain the name of every such existing Cut, Canal, Reservoir, Aqueduct or Navigation, the Waters supplying which will either directly or derivatively flow or proceed into any such intended Cut, Canal, Reservoir, Aqueduct or Navigation, or into any intended variation, extension or enlargement thereof.

18.

*Letters  
Patent.*

Name of  
Invention to  
be prefixed  
in Capitals to  
Notice.

In cases of Bills for confirming or prolonging the terms of Letters Patent; each Notice shall have prefixed to it in Capital Letters the name by which the Invention is usually distinguished, and shall contain a distinct description of the Invention for which such Letters Patent have been obtained, and also an account of the Term of their Duration.

19.

Publication  
of Notices in  
Gazettes and  
Newspapers.

In the months of *October* and *November*, or either of them, immediately preceding the Application for a Bill, such Notices shall be published *once* in the *London, Edinburgh or Dublin Gazette*, as the case may be, and in Three successive Weeks in some one and the same Newspaper of the County in which the City, County of a City, Town, County of a Town, or Lands to which such Bill relates shall be situate; or if there be no Newspaper published therein, then in the Newspaper of some County adjoining or near thereto; and if such Bill relate specially to any particular City, County of a City, Town or County of a Town, in which any Newspaper is published, such Notices shall be published in Three successive Weeks, in one and the same Newspaper published therein; or if such Bill do

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not relate to any particular City, County of a City, Town, County of a Town or Lands, such Notices shall be published once in the *London, Edinburgh or Dublin Gazette* only, as the case may be; and if such Bill relate to Lands situate in more than one County, such Notices shall be inserted once in each of Three successive Weeks, in some Newspaper or Newspapers which shall be published in *London* at least Six Days in the Week, or in *Edinburgh or Dublin* at least Two Days in the Week, as the case may be, and in a Newspaper of the County in which the principal Office of the Company or Companies or other parties who are the Promoters of any such Bill, shall be situate, and in a Newspaper of every County in which any new Works are proposed to be constructed, or in which any lands are situate in respect of which any new or further powers for the completion of Works already authorized are intended to be applied for.

2. *Notices and Applications to Owners, Lessees and Occupiers of Lands and Houses.*

20.

On or before the *Fifteenth* day of *December* immediately preceding the application for a Bill by which any Lands or Houses are intended to be taken, or an extension of the time granted by any former Act for that purpose is sought, application in writing shall be made to the Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees or reputed Lessees, and Occupiers of all lands and houses so intended to be taken, or which may be taken as being within the limits of deviation defined upon the Plan; and in cases of Bills included in the second class, such application shall be, as nearly as may be, in the form set forth in the Appendix marked (A.) All such Notices shall be accompanied by a copy of the Standing Orders which regulate the time and mode of presenting Petitions in opposition to Bills.

Application  
to Owners,  
&c. on or  
before 15th  
December.

21.

Such application shall be made by delivering the same personally to every such party, or by leaving the same at his usual place of abode, or, in his absence from the United Kingdom, with his agent, on or before the *Fifteenth* day of *December*, or by forwarding the same by post in a registered letter, addressed with a sufficient direction to his usual place of abode, and posted on or before the *Twelfth* day of *December*, at the chief Post Office in *London, Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Leeds, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Norwich, Lincoln, Shrewsbury, Bristol, Exeter, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Inverness, Dublin, Belfast, Cork or Athlone*, at such hours and according to such regulations as the Postmaster General shall from time to time appoint, for the posting and registration of such letters.

How Applica-  
tion to be  
made.

22.

In all cases the written acknowledgment of the party applied to shall, in the absence of other proof, be sufficient evidence of an application having been made, or notice given; and in case of an application or notice having been forwarded by post, in a registered letter, the production of the Post Office receipt for such letter, duly stamped, in such form as the Postmaster General shall have appointed, shall be sufficient evidence of the due delivery of such letter; Provided it shall appear that the

Written  
acknowledg-  
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applied to  
and, in case  
of Application  
or Notice  
by post, Post  
Office Receipt,  
sufficient evi-  
dence.



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compliance  
with which is to be  
proved before  
Examiners.

Lists of  
Owners, &c.  
assenting,  
dissenting  
and neuter.

Notices when  
it is proposed  
to abstract  
Water from  
any Stream.

Burial  
Grounds  
and  
Gas Works.

Notice to  
Owners and  
Occupiers of  
Houses.

Crown, &c.  
Property.

Notice to  
Owners, &c.

same was properly and sufficiently directed, and that the same was not returned by the Post Office as undelivered.

23.

Separate Lists shall be made of the Names of such Owners, Lessees and Occupiers, distinguishing those who have assented, dissented or are neuter in respect to such application, or who have returned no answer thereto; and where no written acknowledgment has been returned to an application forwarded by post, or where such application has been returned as undelivered at any time before the making up of such lists, the direction of the letter in which the same was so forwarded shall be inserted therein. (See Order 43, directing the deposit of the said Lists in the Private Bill Office.)

24.

On or before the *Fifteenth* day of *December* immediately preceding the application for a Bill, whereby it is proposed to abstract Water from any Stream for the purpose of supplying any Cut, Canal, Reservoir, Aqueduct, Navigation, or Waterwork, notice in writing of such Bill shall be given to the Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees or reputed Lessees, and Occupiers of all Mills and Manufactories or other Works using the Waters of such Stream for a distance of Twenty miles below the point at which such Water is intended to be abstracted, such distance to be measured along the course of such Stream, unless such Waters shall, within a less distance than Twenty miles, fall into or unite with any navigable Stream, and then only to the Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees or reputed Lessees, and Occupiers of such Mills and Manufactories as aforesaid, which shall be situate between the point at which such Water is proposed to be abstracted, and the point at which such Water shall fall into or unite with such navigable Stream; and such notice shall state the name (if any) by which the Stream is known at the point at which such Water shall be immediately abstracted, and also the Parish in which such point is situate, and the time and place of deposit of Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference, and Copies of the Gazette notice respectively with the Clerks of the Peace and Sheriff Clerks, as the case may be.

25.

On or before the *Fifteenth* day of *December* immediately preceding the Application for any Bill for making a Burial Ground or Cemetery, or the erection of Works for the manufacture of Gas, Notice shall be served upon the Owner, Lessee, and Occupier of every Dwelling House situated within 300 yards of the limits within which the proposed Burial Ground, Cemetery or Gas Works are intended to be erected or made.

26.

Previously to the deposit of a Petition for leave to bring in a Bill relating to Crown, Church or Corporation Property, or Property held in Trust for Public or Charitable Purposes, or before the First Reading of any such Bill brought from the House of Lords, Notice in writing of such Application to Parliament shall be served upon the Owners or reputed Owners of such Property, and the Lessees or reputed Lessees of such Property, holding Leases granted for a life or lives, or for any term of Twenty-one Years or upwards.

27. Previously



## 27.

Previously to the deposit of a Petition for leave to bring in a Bill, whereby any express statutory provision then in force for the protection of the Owner, Lessee, or Occupier of any Property, or for the protection or benefit of any public Trustees or Commissioners, Corporation or Person, specifically named in such provision, is sought to be altered or repealed (except in cases where the consent of such parties is by Standing Order 169, required to be proved before the Committee on the Bill), Notice in writing of such Bill, and of the intention to alter or repeal such provision, shall be served upon every such Owner, Lessee, or Occupier, Public Trustees or Commissioners, Corporation or Person.

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compliance  
with which is to be  
proved before  
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Alteration or  
Repeal of  
Provisions,  
Notice to  
Owners, &c.

## 28.

Previously to the deposit of a Petition for leave to bring in a Bill whereby the whole or any part of a Work authorized by any former Act is intended to be relinquished, Notices in writing of such Bill shall be served upon the Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees or reputed Lessees, and Occupiers of the Lands in which any part of the said Work intended to be thereby relinquished is situate; and the Notices required by this Order and by Orders 24, 25, 26, and 27 shall be served, and the service thereof proved, in the manner directed by Standing Orders, Nos. 21 and 22.

Relinquish-  
ment of  
Works.

Notice to  
Owners, &c.,  
when the Bill  
is to abridge  
any Public  
Works.

## 29.

No Notice served or Application made on a Sunday or Christmas Day, or before Eight o'clock in the forenoon, or after Eight o'clock in the afternoon of any day, shall be deemed valid, except in the case of delivery of letters by post.

Time for  
serving  
Notices and  
Applications.

5. *Documents required to be deposited, and the Times and Places of Deposit.*

*Deposits on or before the 30th November.*

## 30.

In cases of Bills of the Second Class, a Plan and also a Duplicate thereof, together with a Book of Reference thereto, and a Section and also a Duplicate thereof, as hereinafter described; and in cases of Bills of the First Class, by which any lands or houses are intended to be taken, a Plan and Duplicate thereof, together with a Book of Reference, shall be deposited for public inspection at the office of the Clerk of the Peace for every County, Riding or Division in *England or Ireland*, or in the Office of the Principal Sheriff Clerk of every County in *Scotland*, and where any county in *Scotland* is divided into districts or divisions, then in the office of the Principal Sheriff Clerk in or for each district or division in or through which the Work is proposed to be made, maintained, varied, extended or enlarged, or in which such lands or houses are situate, on or before the 30th day of *November* immediately preceding the Application for the Bill.

Plans and  
Books of Re-  
ference, and  
Sections, wit  
Clerk of the  
Peace.

## 31.

In the case of Railway Bills, a published Map, to a scale of not less than half an inch to a mile, (or in *Ireland*, to a scale of not less than a quarter of an inch to a mile), with the line of Railway delineated thereon, so as to show its general course and direction, shall, on or before the 30th day of *November*, be deposited at the Office of the Clerk of the Peace, or Sheriff Clerk, together with the Plans, Sections and Book of Reference.

Published  
Map to be  
deposited  
with Clerk of  
Peace, &c.

Standing Orders,  
compliance  
with which is to be  
proved before  
Examiners.

Clerks of  
Peace to in-  
dorse a Me-  
morial on  
Plans, &c.

32.

The Clerks of the Peace or Sheriff Clerks, or their respective Deputies, shall make a Memorial in writing upon the Plans, Sections and Books of Reference so deposited with them, denoting the time at which the same were lodged in their respective offices, and shall at all seasonable hours of the day permit any person to view and examine one of the same, and to make copies or extracts therefrom; and *one* of the two Plans and Sections so deposited, shall be sealed up and retained in the possession of the Clerk of the Peace or Sheriff Clerk until called for by order of one of the Two Houses of Parliament. (*See Appendix, Act 1 Vict. c. 83.*)

33.

*Tidal Lands.*

Plans, &c.,  
in certain  
cases to be  
deposited at  
the Harbour  
Department,  
Board of  
Trade.

In cases where the Work shall be situate on Tidal Lands within the ordinary Spring Tides, a copy of the Plans and Sections shall, on or before the 30th day of *November*, be deposited at the Office of the Harbour Department, Board of Trade, marked "TIDAL WATERS," and on such copy all Tidal Waters shall be coloured blue, and if the Plans include any Bridge across Tidal Waters, the dimensions, as regards span and headway of the nearest Bridges, if any, above and below the proposed new Bridge, shall be marked thereon; and in all such cases, such Plans and Sections shall be accompanied by a published Map, or Ordnance sheet of the country, over which the works are proposed to extend, or are to be carried, with their position and extent, or route accurately laid down thereon.

34.

*Railways.*

Plans, &c. at  
the Office of  
the Board of  
Trade.

In the case of Railway Bills, a Copy of all Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference, required by the Orders of the House to be deposited in the Office of any Clerk of the Peace or Sheriff Clerk, on or before the 30th day of *November* immediately preceding the application for the Bill, together with the said published Map, with the Line of Railway delineated thereon, so as to show its general course and direction, shall on or before the same day be deposited in the Office of the Board of Trade.

35.

Deposit of  
Plans, &c. in  
Private Bill  
Office.

On or before the 30th day of *November*, a copy of the said Plans, Sections and Books of Reference, and in the case of Railway Bills, also a copy of the said published Map, with the line of Railway delineated thereon, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office of this House.

36.

Deposit of  
Plans, &c.,  
with Metro-  
politan Board  
of Works.

In cases where any portion of the Work shall be situate within the limits of the Metropolis, as defined by the "Metropolis Management Act, 1855," a Copy of so much of the Plans and Sections as relates to such portion of the Work shall, on or before the 30th day of *November*, be deposited at the Office of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

37.

Parish Plan,  
Section and  
Book of Refe-  
rence, with  
Parish Clerk,  
&c.

On or before the 30th day of *November*, a copy of so much of the said Plans and Sections as relates to each Parish in or through which the Work is intended to be made, maintained, varied, extended or enlarged, or in which any lands or houses, intended to be taken, are situate (*see Fig. 5.*), together with a copy of so much of the Book of Reference as relates to such Parish, shall



shall be deposited with the Parish Clerk of each such Parish in *England*, or, in the case of any Extra-parochial Place, with the Parish Clerk of some Parish immediately adjoining thereto, or in case of any place within the limits of the Metropolis, as defined by the Act 18 and 19 Vict. c. 120, intituled, "An Act for the better Local Management of the Metropolis," except the City of *London*, with the Clerk of the Vestry of each Parish in Schedule A., and with the Clerk of the District Board of Parishes in Schedule B. of the said Act; with the Schoolmaster of each such Parish in *Scotland*, or if there be no Schoolmaster of any such Parish, then with the Session Clerk, or in Royal Burghs with the Town Clerk, and with the Clerk of the Union within which such Parish is included in *Ireland*. (See Appendix, Act 1 Vict. c. 83.)

## 38.

Wherever any Plans, Sections and Books of Reference, or parts thereof, are required to be deposited, a Copy of the Notice published in the *Gazette* of the intended application to Parliament shall be deposited therewith.

*Gazette*  
Notice to be  
deposited with  
Plans, &c.,  
with Clerks  
of Peace,  
Parish Clerks,  
&c.

*Deposits on or before the 23rd December.*

## 39.

Every Petition for a Private Bill, headed by a short Title descriptive of the Undertaking or Bill, corresponding with that at the head of the Advertisement, with a Declaration, signed by the Agent, and a printed copy of the Bill annexed, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office on or before the 23rd day of *December*; and such Petition, Bill and Declaration shall be open to the inspection of all parties; and printed copies of the Bill shall also be delivered therewith for the use of any Member of The House or Agent who may apply for the same.

Petition for  
Bill, &c.,  
to be deposited  
in Private Bill  
Office.

## 40.

Such Declaration shall state to which of the two Classes of Bills such Bill in the judgment of the Agent belongs; and if the proposed Bill shall give power to effect any of the following objects; that is to say:—

Declaration  
of Agent as  
to Class of  
Bill, and  
Powers  
thereof, to be  
annexed to  
Petition.

Power to take any lands or houses compulsorily, or to extend the time granted by any former Act for that purpose:

Power to levy tolls, rates or duties, or to alter any existing tolls, rates or duties; or to confer, vary or extinguish any exemption from payment of tolls, rates or duties, or to confer, vary or extinguish any other right or privilege:

Power to amalgamate with any other Company, or to sell or lease their Undertaking, or to purchase or take on lease the Undertaking of any other Company:

Power to interfere with any Crown, Church or Corporation property, or property held in trust for public or charitable purposes:

Power to relinquish any part of a work authorized by a former Act:

Power to divert into any intended cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct or navigation, or into any intended variation, extension or enlargement thereof respectively, any water from any existing cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct or navigation, whether directly or derivatively, and whether under any agreement with the proprietors thereof, or otherwise:



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compliance  
with which is to be  
proved before  
Examiners.

Power to make, vary, extend or enlarge any cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct or navigation :

Power to make, vary, extend or enlarge any Railway.

The said Declaration shall state which of such powers are given by the Bill, and shall indicate in which clauses of the Bill (referring to them by their number) such powers are given, and shall further state that the Bill does not give power to effect any of the objects enumerated in this Order, other than those stated in the Declaration.

If the proposed Bill shall not give power to effect any of the objects enumerated in the preceding Order, the said Declaration shall state that the Bill does not give power to effect any of such objects.

The said Declaration shall also state that the Bill does not give any powers, other than those included in the Notices for the Bill.

## 41.

Copy of Rail-  
way and Canal  
and Companies  
Bills to be de-  
posited at  
Board of Trade,  
and of Dock,  
&c. Bills at the  
Harbour De-  
partment of the  
Board of Trade,  
and of Turn-  
pike Bills with  
the Secretary  
of State.

On or before the 23rd day of *December*, a printed Copy of every Railway and Canal Bill, and of every Bill for incorporating or giving powers to any Company, shall be deposited at the Office of the Board of Trade ; a printed Copy of every Bill relating to any Dock, Harbour, Navigation, Pier or Port, shall be deposited at the Office of the Harbour Department of the Board of Trade marked "Tidal Waters;" and a printed Copy of every Bill relating to Turnpike Roads, at the Office of the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

## 42.

Copy of Bills  
relating to  
Works within  
limits of the  
Metropolis to  
be deposited  
with the  
Metropolitan  
Board of  
Works.

On or before the 23rd day of *December*, a printed Copy of every Bill of the Second Class, whereby any Work shall be authorised within the limits of the Metropolis, as defined by "The Metropolis Management Act, 1855," shall be deposited at the Office of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

*Deposits on or before the 31st December.*

## 43.

Other Docu-  
ments re-  
quired to be  
deposited in  
Private Bill  
Office.

On or before the 31st day of *December* there shall be also deposited in the Private Bill Office all Estimates, Declarations, and Lists of Owners, Lessees and Occupiers, which are required by the Standing Orders of the House.

## 44.

Documents to  
be deposited  
in Private  
Bill Office in  
regard to  
Joint Stock  
Companies  
Bills.

As respects all Bills for the incorporation of Joint Stock Companies, or proposed Companies for carrying on any Trade or Business, or for conferring upon such Companies the power of suing and being sued, there shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, on or before 31st *December*, a copy of the Deed or Agreement of Partnership (if any) under which the Company or proposed Company is acting, and in all cases a Declaration stating the following matters :—

1st.—The present and proposed amount of the Capital of the Company.

2nd.—The number of Shares, and the amount of each Share.

3rd.—The number of Shares subscribed for.

4th.—The amount of Subscriptions paid up.

5th.—The names, residences and descriptions of the Shareholders or Subscribers (so far as the same can be made out), and of the actual or provisional Directors, Treasurers, Secretaries or other officer, if any.

And

And such documents shall be verified by the signature of some authorised officer of the Company or proposed Company (if any), and by some responsible party promoting the Bill; and copies of such Declarations shall be printed at the expense of the Promoters of the Bill, and delivered at the Vote Office for the use of the Members of the House, and at the Private Bill Office for the use of any Agent who may apply for the same.

45.

On or before 31st *December*, copies of the Estimate of Expense of the Undertaking; and where a Declaration alone, or Declaration and Estimate of the probable amount of Rates and Duties, are required, copies of such Declaration, or of such Declaration and Estimate, shall be printed at the expense of the Promoters of the Bill, and delivered at the Vote Office for the use of the Members of The House, and at the Private Bill Office for the use of any Agent who may apply for the same.

46.

The Estimate for any works proposed to be authorised by any Railway, Dock, or Harbour Bill, shall be in the following form, or as near thereto as circumstances may permit:—

| ESTIMATE of the proposed |  |  |  | (Railway).        |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|-------------------|--|--|--|
| Line, No.                |  |  |  | Whether           |  |  |  |
| Length of Line           |  |  |  | Single or Double. |  |  |  |
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Standing Orders,  
compliance  
with which is to be  
proved before  
Examiners.

Deposit not  
valid on  
Sunday, &c.

47.

No Deposit shall be deemed valid if made on a Sunday or Christmas Day, or before Eight o'clock in the forenoon, or after Eight o'clock in the afternoon of any day.

4. *Form in which Plans, Books of Reference, Sections and Cross-Sections shall be prepared.*

48.

*Plans.*

Description  
of Plans.

Lands within  
Deviation to  
be on Plan.

Buildings, &c.  
on enlarged  
Scale.

Every Plan required to be deposited shall be drawn to a scale of not less than *Four* inches to a Mile, and in the case of Bills of the First Class, shall describe the lands intended to be taken, and in the case of Bills of the Second Class, shall describe the line or situation of the whole of the Work (no alternative line or Work being in any case permitted), and the lands in or through which it is to be made, maintained, varied, extended or enlarged, or through which every communication to or from the Work shall be made; and where it is the intention of the Parties to apply for powers to make any lateral deviation from the line of the proposed Work, the limits of such deviation shall be defined upon the Plan, and all Lands included within such limits shall be marked thereon; and unless the whole of such Plan shall be upon a scale of not less than a *quarter* of an *inch* to every 100 feet, an enlarged Plan shall be added of any Building, Yard, Court-Yard or Land within the curtilage of any Building, or of any Ground cultivated as a Garden, either in the line of the proposed Work, or included within the limits of the said deviation, upon a scale of not less than a *quarter* of an *inch* to every 100 feet. (See Fig. 3.)

49.

Plan to de-  
scribe Brooks,  
&c. to be di-  
verted.

In all cases where it is proposed to make, vary, extend or enlarge any Cut, Canal, Reservoir, Aqueduct or Navigation, the Plan shall describe the Brooks and Streams to be directly diverted into such intended Cut, Canal, Reservoir, Aqueduct or Navigation, or into any variation, extension or enlargement thereof respectively, for supplying the same with Water.

50.

Distances to  
be marked  
in Miles and  
Furlongs, and  
memorandum  
of Curves and  
Tunnelling.

In all cases where it is proposed to make, vary, extend, or enlarge any Railway, the Plan shall exhibit thereon the distances in miles and furlongs, from one of the termini; and a memorandum of the radius of every curve not exceeding One Mile in length shall be noted on the Plan in furlongs and chains; and where tunnelling as a substitute for open cutting is intended, such tunnelling shall be marked by a dotted line on the Plan.

51.

Diversion and  
widening or  
narrowing of  
Roads, &c. to  
be shown.

If it be intended to divert, widen or narrow any Turnpike Road, Public Carriage Road, Navigable River, Canal or Railway, the course of such diversion, and the extent of such widening or narrowing, shall be marked upon the Plan.

52. When



52.

When a Railway is intended to form a junction with an existing or authorised line of Railway, the course of such existing or authorised line of Railway shall be shown on the deposited Plan for a distance of 800 yards on either side of the proposed junction, on a scale of not less than four inches to a mile.

Standing Orders, compliance with which is to be proved before Examiners.

In case of Junctions, course of existing Line to be shown on deposited Plan.

53.

### *Book of Reference.*

The Book of Reference to every such Plan shall contain the names of the Owners or Reputed Owners, Lessees or Reputed Lessees, and Occupiers of all Lands and Houses in the Line of the proposed Work, or within the limits of deviation as defined upon the Plan, and shall describe such Lands and Houses respectively.

Contents of Book of Reference.

### *Sections.*

54.

The Section shall be drawn to the same horizontal scale as the Plan, and to a vertical scale of not less than *one inch* to every 100 feet, and shall show the surface of the ground marked on the Plan, the intended level of the proposed Work, the height of every Embankment and the depth of every Cutting, and a datum horizontal line, which shall be the same throughout the whole length of the Work, or any Branch thereof respectively, and shall be referred to some fixed point (stated in writing on the section), near some portion of such Work, and in the case of a Canal, Cut, Navigation, Turnpike or other Carriage-road or Railway, near either of the Termini. (See line D. D., Fig. 2.)

Section to be drawn to a scale of not less than one inch to every 100 feet.

55.

In cases of Bills for improving the Navigation of any River, there shall be a Section which shall specify the Levels of both Banks of such River; and where any alteration is intended to be made therein, it shall describe the same by Feet and Inches, or decimal parts of a foot.

Section to specify level of both banks.

56.

In every Section of a Railway, the Line of the Railway marked thereon shall correspond with the upper surface of the rails. (See line S. S. Fig. 2.)

Line of Railway on Section to correspond with upper surface of Rails.

57.

Distances on the Datum Line shall be marked in miles and furlongs, to correspond with those on the Plan; a vertical measure from the Datum Line to the Line of the Railway shall be marked in feet and inches, or decimal parts of a foot, at each change of the gradient or inclination; and the proportion or rate of inclination between each such change shall also be marked.

Vertical measures to be marked at change of gradient.

58.

Wherever the line of the Railway is intended to cross any turnpike-road, public carriage-road, navigable River, Canal or Railway, the height of the Railway over or depth under the surface thereof, and the height and span of every Arch of all Bridges and Viaducts, by which the Railway will be carried over the same, shall be marked in figures at every crossing thereof;

Height of Railway over, or depth under surface of Roads, &c. to be marked, and Bridges and Level Crossings.

Standing Orders,  
compliance  
with which is to be  
proved before  
Examiners.

and where the Railway will be carried across any such turnpike-road, public carriage-road or Railway, on the level thereof, such crossing shall be so described on the Section ; and it shall also be stated if such level will be unaltered.

## 59.

Cross Sections  
of Canals,  
Roads, &c.  
crossed by the  
Railway  
when level  
or rate of  
inclination  
altered.

If any alteration be intended in the water level of any Canal, or in the level or rate of inclination of any turnpike-road, public carriage-road, or Railway, which will be crossed by the line of Railway, then the same shall be stated on the said Section, and each alteration shall be numbered ; and Cross Sections, in reference to the said numbers, on a horizontal scale of not less than one inch to every 330 feet, and on a vertical scale of not less than one inch to every 40 feet, shall be added, which shall show the present surface of such Canal, Road or Railway, and the intended surface thereof when altered ; and the greatest of the present and intended rates of inclination of such Road or Railway shall also be marked in figures thereon ; and where any public carriage-road is crossed on the level, a Cross Section of such road shall also be added ; and all such Cross Sections shall extend for 200 yards on each side of the centre line of the Railway. (See Fig. 4.)

## 60.

Embank-  
ments and  
Cuttings.

Wherever the extreme height of any embankment, or the extreme depth of any cutting shall exceed Five Feet, the extreme height over or depth under the surface of the ground shall be marked in figures upon the Section ; and if any Bridge or Viaduct of more than three arches shall intervene in any Embankment, or if any Tunnel shall intervene in any Cutting, the extreme height or depth shall be marked in figures on each of the parts into which such Embankment or Cutting shall be divided by such Bridge, Viaduct or Tunnel.

## 61.

Tunnelling  
and Viaduct  
to be marked.

Where tunnelling, as a substitute for open cutting, or a viaduct as a substitute for solid embankment, is intended, the same shall be marked on the Section.

## 62.

In case of  
Junctions,  
gradient of  
existing Line  
to be shown  
on deposited  
Section.

When a Railway is intended to form a junction with an existing or authorised line of Railway, the gradient of such existing or authorised line of Railway shall be shown on the deposited section, and in connection therewith, and on the same scale as the general section, for a distance of 800 yards on either side of the point of junction.

### 5. Estimates and Deposit of Money, and Declarations in certain cases.

## 63.

Estimate in  
Bills of the  
Second Class.

An Estimate of the Expense of the Undertaking under each Bill of the Second Class shall be made and signed by the person making the same. (See as to depositing Estimate in Private Bill Office, No. 43.)



Standing Orders,  
compliance  
with which is to be  
proved before  
Examiners.

## 64.

In the case of a Railway Bill authorising the construction of Works by other than an existing Railway Company incorporated by Act of Parliament, and which has during the year last past paid Dividends on its ordinary Share Capital, a sum not less than 5 per cent. on the amount of the Estimate of Expense, and in the case of all Bills other than Railway Bills, a sum not less than 4 per cent. on the amount of such Estimate, shall, previously to the 15th day of *January*, be deposited with the Court of Chancery in *England*, if the Work is intended to be done in *England*, or with the Court of Chancery in *England*, or the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, if such Work is intended to be done in *Scotland*, and with the Court of Chancery in *Ireland*, if such Work is intended to be done in *Ireland*. (*See Appendix C.*)

Five per  
cent. and Four  
per cent. of  
Estimate to  
be deposited.

## 65.

Where the Work is to be made, wholly or in part, by means of Funds, or out of Money to be raised upon the credit of present Surplus Revenue, belonging to any Society or Company, or under the control of Directors, Trustees, or Commissioners, as the case may be, of any existing Public Work, such parties being the Promoters of the Bill, a Declaration stating those facts, and setting forth the nature of such control, and the nature and amount of such Funds or Surplus Revenue, and showing the actual Surplus of such Funds or Revenue, after deducting the Funds required for purposes authorised by any Act or Acts of Parliament, and also the Funds which may be required for any other Work to be executed under any Bill in the same Session, and given under the common seal of the Society or Company, or under the hand of some authorised Officer of such Directors, Trustees or Commissioners, may be deposited, and in such case no deposit of Money shall be required in respect of so much of the Estimate of Expense as shall be provided for by such surplus Funds. (*See as to deposit of Declaration in Private Bill Office, No. 43.*)

Cases wherein  
Declaration  
is deposited.

## 66.

In cases where the Work is to be made out of Money to be raised upon the Security of the Rates, Duties or Revenue to be created by or to arise under any Bill, under which no private or personal pecuniary profit or advantage is to be derived, a Declaration stating those facts, and setting forth the means by which Funds are to be obtained for executing the Work, and signed by the Party or Agent soliciting the Bill, together with an Estimate of the probable amount of such Rates, Duties or Revenue, signed by the Person making the same, may be deposited, and in such case no deposit of Money shall be required. (*See as to deposit of Estimate and Declaration in Private Bill Office, No. 43.*)

Declaration  
and Estimate  
of Amount of  
Rates may be  
deposited.

*In cases of Bills brought from the House of Lords.*

## 67.

In the case of Railway Bills brought from the House of Lords, a Copy of every Bill, as brought into the House of Commons, shall be deposited in the Office of the Board of Trade, not later than Two Days after the Bill is read a First time.

Deposit of  
Railway Bills  
at Board of  
Trade.



Notices to be  
given and De-  
posits made  
in cases where  
Work is al-  
tered while  
Bill is in Par-  
liament.

Where any alteration shall have been made, or shall be desired by the parties to be made, in any Bill brought from the House of Lords after the introduction of the Bill into Parliament, in any Work the Bill for which shall be included in the Second Class of Bills hereinbefore mentioned, and the Plans and Sections for which shall have been deposited and the Notices for which shall have been given as before mentioned, a Plan and Section of such alteration, on the same Scale and containing the same particulars as the original Plan and Section, together with a Book of Reference thereto, shall be deposited with the Clerk of the Peace of every County, Riding, or Division in *England* or *Ireland*, and in the Office of the Sheriff Clerk of every County in *Scotland*, and where any County in *Scotland* is divided into Districts or Divisions then in the Office of the Principal Sheriff Clerk in and for each District or Division in which such alteration is proposed to be made; and a Copy of such Plan and Section, so far as relates to each Parish, together with a Book of Reference thereto, shall be deposited with the Parish Clerks of each such Parish in *England*, or, in the case of any extra-parochial Place, with the Parish Clerk of some Parish immediately adjoining thereto, with the Schoolmaster of each such Parish in *Scotland*, or if there be no Schoolmaster of any such Parish, then with the Session Clerk, or in Royal Burghs with the Town Clerk, and the Clerk of the Union within which such Parish in *Ireland* is included, in which such alteration is intended to be made, One Month previously to the introduction of the Bill for making such Work into this House; and the intention to make such alteration shall be published in manner before directed in the *London, Edinburgh, or Dublin Gazette*, as the case may be, and some one and the same Newspaper of the County in which such alteration shall be situate, or if there be no such Paper printed therein, then in the Newspaper of some County adjoining thereto, for Three successive Weeks previously to the introduction of the Bill into this House; and personal application, with a Notice in writing in the form hereinbefore mentioned, shall be made to the Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees or reputed Lessees, or in their absence from the United Kingdom, to their Agents respectively, and to the Occupiers of Lands through which any such alteration is intended to be made; and the consent of such Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees or reputed Lessees, and Occupiers, to the making of such alteration, shall be proved before the Examiner.

Deposit of  
altered Plan  
and Section in  
Private Bill  
Office.

Previous to any Bill for making any Work, the Bill for which shall be included in the Second Class of Bills hereinbefore mentioned, being brought to this House from the Lords, in which any alteration has been made in its progress through Parliament, a Map or Plan and Section of such Work, showing any variation, extension, or enlargement which is intended to be made in consequence of such alteration, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office; and such Map or Plan and Section shall be on the same Scale and contain the same particulars as the original Map or Plan and Section of the said Work.

## 70.

In the case of every Bill brought from the House of Lords to empower any Company already constituted by Act of Parliament to execute, undertake, or contribute towards any work other than that for which it was originally established, or to sell or lease their undertaking, or any part thereof, or to amalgamate the same, or any part thereof, with any other undertaking, or to abandon their undertaking, or any part thereof, or to dissolve the said Company, the Examiner shall report as to compliance or non-compliance with the following Order:

Bill to be  
submitted to  
a meeting of  
Proprietors in  
Incorporated  
Companies in  
certain cases.

1st. The Bill, as proposed to be introduced into this House, shall be submitted to a meeting of the Proprietors of such Company at a meeting held specially for that purpose.

2nd. Such meeting shall be called by advertisement inserted for two consecutive weeks in a morning newspaper published in *London*, *Edinburgh*, or *Dublin*, as the case may be, and in a newspaper of the county or counties in which the principal office or offices of the Company is or are situate; and also by a circular addressed to each proprietor at his last known or usual address, and sent by post, or delivered at such address, not less than Ten days before the holding of such meeting, enclosing a blank form of proxy, with proper instructions for the use of the same; and the same form of proxy and the same instructions, and none other, shall be sent to every such proprietor; but no such form of proxy shall be stamped, nor shall the funds of the Company be used for the stamping any proxies, except the Company shall at a general meeting determine otherwise, in which case a stamped proxy shall be sent to each proprietor, with such instructions as aforesaid.

3rd. Such meeting shall be held not earlier than Seven days after the last insertion of such advertisement.

4th. At such meeting the said Bill shall be submitted to the proprietors aforesaid then present, and approved of by proprietors, present in person or by proxy, holding at least three-fourths of the paid-up capital of the Company represented at such meeting, such proprietors being qualified to vote at the meeting in right of such capital.

## 71.

When in any Bill a provision is inserted authorising any Company to subscribe towards or to guarantee or to raise any money in aid of the undertaking of another Company (which Bill is not brought in by the Company so authorised, or of which such Company is not a joint promoter), proof shall be required before the Examiner that the Company so authorised has consented to such subscription, guarantee, or raising of money, at a meeting of the proprietors of the ordinary shares in such Company, held specially for that purpose, in the same manner and

Proof to be  
required  
before Exa-  
miner of con-  
sent of Pro-  
prietors of  
any Company  
to sum autho-  
rised to be  
raised in aid  
of under-  
taking of  
another Com-  
pany.

Standing Orders,  
compliance  
with which is to be  
proved before  
Examiners.

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subject to the same provisions as the meeting directed to be held under Standing Order 70, and that such consent was given by such proprietors, present in person or by proxy, holding at least three-fourths of the ordinary paid-up capital of the Company represented at such meeting, such proprietors being qualified to vote at the meeting in right of such capital; and that the Notices for the Bill state the sum authorised to be subscribed, or guaranteed or raised, and also state that the consent of the Company has been given as aforesaid; in any case in which such consent has been given, it shall not be necessary to submit the Bill, in respect of such provision as aforesaid, to the approval of a meeting to be held in accordance with Standing Order 70.

## 72.

Consent of  
Directors, &c.  
who are  
named in a  
Bill, to be  
proved.

When in any Bill brought from the House of Lords for the purpose of establishing a Company for carrying on any Work or Undertaking, the name of any person or persons shall be introduced as Manager, Director, Proprietor, or otherwise concerned in carrying such Bill into effect, proof shall be required before the Examiner that the said person or persons have subscribed their names to the Petition for the said Bill, or to a printed Copy of the said Bill, as brought to this House.



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IV.  
PROCEEDINGS OF EXAMINERS,  
OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF  
WAYS AND MEANS,  
AND OF COMMITTEES.

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## IV.

## PROCEEDINGS OF EXAMINERS, OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS, AND OF COMMITTEES.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXAMINERS OF PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS.

## 73.

The Examination of the Petitions for Private Bills which shall have been duly deposited in the Private Bill Office, shall commence on the 18th day of *January*, in such order and according to such regulations as shall have been made by Mr. Speaker.

When Examination of Petitions to commence.

## 74.

One of the Examiners shall give at least Seven clear Days' Notice in the Private Bill Office of the day appointed for the Examination of each Petition which shall have been duly deposited in the Private Bill Office; and in case the promoters shall not appear at the time when the Petition shall come on to be heard, the Examiner to whom the case shall have been allotted, shall strike the Petition off the General List of Petitions, and shall not re-insert the same, except by order of The House.

Notice to be given by one of the Examiners of day appointed for Examination.

## 75.

In all cases of Petitions for additional provision in Private Bills and of Estate Bills brought from the House of Lords, and of Bills introduced by leave of this House in lieu of other Bills which shall have been withdrawn, and referred to the Examiner, and of Bills referred in pursuance of Standing Order 185, the Examiner shall give at least Two clear Days' notice, in the Private Bill Office, of the day on which the same will be examined; and he shall report to The House whether the Standing Orders have or have not been complied with; and, when they have not been complied with, the facts upon which his decision is founded, and any special circumstances connected with the case.

Notice and report in cases of Petitions for additional provision in Private Bills, &c.

## 76.

Any parties shall be entitled to appear and to be heard, by themselves, their agents and witnesses, upon a Memorial addressed to the Examiner, complaining of a non-compliance with the Standing Orders, provided the matter complained of be specifically stated in such Memorial, and the party (if any) who may be specially affected by the non-compliance with the Standing Orders have signed such Memorial and shall not have withdrawn his signature thereto, and such Memorial have been duly deposited in the Private Bill Office. (See Orders 193, 217, 218, 219, and 220.)

Memorials complaining of non-compliance.

## 77.

In case any proprietor in any Company shall by himself, or any person authorised to act for him in that behalf, have dissented at any meeting called in pursuance of Standing Order 70, or 71, such proprietor shall be permitted to be heard by the

Dissenting Proprietors to be allowed to be heard.



Proceedings of  
Examiners.  
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Examiner of Petitions, on the compliance with such Standing Order, by himself, his agents, and witnesses, on a Memorial addressed to the Examiner, or by the Committee on the proposed Bill, by himself, his counsel or agents, and witnesses, on a Petition presented to The House, such Memorial or Petition having been duly deposited in the Private Bill Office (*See Orders 126, 217 and 220*).

## 78.

Proof by  
Affidavit.

The Examiner may admit Affidavits in proof of the compliance with the Standing Orders of The House, unless in any case he shall require further evidence; and such Affidavit shall be sworn, if in *England*, before a Justice of the Peace; if in *Scotland*, before any Sheriff Depute or his Substitute; and if in *Ireland*, before any Judge or Assistant Barrister of that part of the United Kingdom, or before a Justice of the Peace.

## 79.

Examiner to  
indorse Peti-  
tion, and  
when Stand-  
ing Orders  
not complied  
with, to  
report.

The Examiner shall certify by indorsement on each Petition which shall have been duly deposited in the Private Bill Office, whether the Standing Orders have or have not been complied with; and, when they have not been complied with, he shall also report to The House the facts upon which his decision is founded, and any special circumstances connected with the case.

## 80.

To report in  
cases of Bills  
originating  
in the Lords.

The Examiner shall make a Report of the several cases in which he shall have certified that the Standing Orders have or have not been complied with in respect of any Bills which, in pursuance of any Report from the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, under Standing Order 82, shall originate in the House of Lords; and where they have not been complied with, he shall also report, separately, the facts upon which his decision is founded, and any special circumstances connected with the case.

## 81.

Special Report  
in certain  
cases.

In case the Examiner shall feel doubts as to the due construction of any Standing Order in its application to a particular case, he shall make a Special Report of the facts to the House, without deciding whether the Standing Order has or has not been complied with; and in such case he shall indorse the Petition with the words "Special Report," either alone, or if non-compliances with other Standing Orders shall have been proved, in addition to the words "Standing Orders not complied with."

Proceedings  
of  
Chairman of  
Ways and  
Means.

PROCEEDINGS OF, AND IN RELATION TO, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS, AND THE COUNSEL TO MR. SPEAKER.

82.

The Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means shall, at the commencement of each Session, seek a conference with the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords for the purpose of determining in which House of Parliament the respective Private Bills should be first considered, and such determination shall be reported to The House.

Chairman of  
Ways and  
Means to seek  
a conference  
with the  
Chairman of  
Committees  
of House of  
Lords.

83.

The Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, with the assistance of the Counsel to Mr. Speaker, shall examine all Private Bills, whether opposed or unopposed, and call the attention of The House, and also of the Chairman of the Committee on every opposed Private Bill, to all points which may appear to him to require it; and Copies of all such Bills shall be laid by the Agent before the said Chairman and Counsel not later than the day after the Examiner of Petitions shall have indorsed the Petition for the Bill.

Chairman of  
Ways and  
Means to  
examine all  
Private Bills,  
&c.

84.

The Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means shall make a Report to the House previously to the Second Reading of any Private Bill by which it is intended to authorise, confirm, or alter any Contract with any department of the Government whereby a public charge has been or may be created; and such Report, together with a Copy of the Contract, and of any Resolution to be proposed in relation thereto, shall be circulated with the Votes Two clear Days at least before the day on which the Resolution is to be considered in a Committee of the whole House, which consideration shall not take place until after the time of Private Business; nor shall the Report of any such Resolution be considered until Three clear Days at least after the Resolution shall have been agreed to by the Committee.

Chairman of  
Ways and  
Means to  
report on  
Bills relating  
to Govern-  
ment  
Contracts.

85.

Two clear days at least before the day appointed for the consideration of any Private Bill by a Committee, there shall be laid before the Chairman of Ways and Means, and the Counsel to Mr. Speaker, by the Agent, Copies of every such Bill, as proposed to be submitted to the Committee, and such Copies shall be signed by the Agent for the Bill.

Copies of Bill,  
as proposed to  
be submitted  
to Com-  
mittee, to be  
laid before  
Chairman of  
Ways and  
Means, &c.

86.

The Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means shall be at liberty, at any period after any Private Bill shall have been referred to a Committee, to report to The House any special circumstances relative thereto which may appear to him to require it, or to inform The House that in his opinion any unopposed Private Bill should be treated as an opposed Private Bill.

Power to  
Chairman to  
report special  
circum-  
stances, &c.  
to The House.

87.

Copy of Bill  
as amended  
in Committee  
to be laid  
before Chair-  
man of Ways  
and Means,  
&c.

Three clear Days at least before the consideration of any Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table, a Copy of every such Bill, as amended in Committee, shall be laid by the Agent before the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means and the Counsel to Mr. Speaker, and deposited at the Office of the Board of Trade.

88.

On considera-  
tion of Report  
of Railway  
Bill, Chairman  
of Ways and  
Means to  
acquaint the  
House if Orders  
have been  
observed.

On or before the consideration of the Report of every Railway Bill, the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means shall inform The House, or signify in writing to Mr. Speaker, whether the Bill contain the several provisions required by the Standing Orders.

89.

Clause or  
Amendment  
on consi-  
deration of  
Bill, or on  
Third Read-  
ing, to be  
submitted to  
Chairman of  
Ways and  
Means, &c.

When it is intended to bring up any Clause, or to propose any Amendment on the consideration of any Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table, or any verbal amendment on the Third Reading of any Private Bill, the same shall be submitted by the Agent to the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, and the Counsel to Mr. Speaker, on the day on which notice is given thereof in the Private Bill Office; and the said Chairman shall inform The House, or signify in writing to Mr. Speaker, whether such Clause or Amendment be such as ought or ought not to be entertained by The House, without referring the same to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

90.

Copy of  
Amendments  
by House of  
Lords, and of  
proposed  
Amendments  
thereto, to be  
laid before  
Chairman of  
Ways and  
Means, &c.

A Copy of all Amendments made in The House of Lords to any Private Bill, and of all Amendments to such Amendments intended to be proposed in this House, shall be laid by the Agent before the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means and the Counsel to Mr. Speaker, before Two o'clock on the day previous to that on which the same are respectively appointed for consideration by The House.



REFEREES ON PRIVATE BILLS—PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THEM.

91.

The Chairman of Ways and Means, with not less than Three other persons, who shall be appointed by Mr. Speaker for such period as he shall think fit, shall be Referees of the House on Private Bills; such Referees to form one or more Courts; Three at least to be required to constitute each Court: provided that the Chairman of any second Court shall be a Member of this House; and provided that no such Referee, if he be a Member of this House, shall receive any salary.

Referees on Private Bills to be constituted.

92.

The practice and procedure of the Referees, their times of sitting, order of business, and the forms and notices required in their proceedings, shall be prescribed by rules, to be framed by the Chairman of Ways and Means, subject to alteration by him as occasion may require, but only one Counsel shall appear before such Referees in support of a Private Bill, or in support of any Petition in opposition thereto, unless specially authorised by the Referees. All such rules and alterations, when made, to be laid on the Table of the House.

Rules of practice and procedure to be made by Chairman of Ways and Means.

93.

The Referees on Private Bills shall decide upon all Petitions as to the rights of the Petitioners to be heard upon such Petitions, without prejudice, however, to the power of the Select Committee to which the Bill is referred to decide upon any question as to such rights arising incidentally in the course of their proceedings.

Referees on Private Bills to decide as to rights of Petitioners to be heard upon their Petitions, &c.

94.

The Select Committee to which any Bill has been referred may, subject to the approval of the Chairman of Ways and Means, refer any question arising in the course of their inquiry, which they may deem suitable to be so referred, to the Referees for their decision, such question to be stated in writing, and signed by the Chairman of the Committee. The Referees, so soon as their inquiry has been completed, to return the question, with their decision certified thereon, to the Chairman.

Committees on Bills empowered to refer questions in special cases to Referees.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON STANDING  
ORDERS.

95.

To report  
whether  
Standing  
Orders ought  
or ought not  
to be dis-  
pensd with.

When any Report of the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills, in which he shall report that the Standing Orders have not been complied with, shall have been referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, and after the Petition for the Bill shall have been duly presented, they shall report to The House whether such Standing Orders ought or ought not to be dispensed with, and whether in their opinion the parties should be permitted to proceed with their Bill, or any portion thereof, and under what (if any) conditions.

96.

In cases of  
Bills origi-  
nating in  
Lords.

The Select Committee on Standing Orders shall have power to report on the cases referred to them in respect of Private Bills originating in the House of Lords, notwithstanding that the Petitions for the same shall not have been presented to The House.

97.

Proceeding in  
case of Special  
Report.

When any Special Report from the Examiner of Petitions as to the construction of a Standing Order shall have been referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, they shall determine, according to their construction of the Standing Order, and on the facts stated in such Report, whether the Standing Orders have or have not been complied with, and they shall then either report to The House that the Standing Orders have been complied with, or shall proceed to consider the question of dispensing with the Standing Orders, as the case may be.

98.

To report  
whether  
Sessional  
or Standing  
Orders ought  
or ought not  
to be dis-  
pensd with.

When any Petition praying that any of the Sessional or Standing Orders of The House relating to Private Bills may be dispensed with, shall stand referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, they shall report to The House whether such Sessional or Standing Orders ought or ought not to be dispensed with.

99.

To report  
whether Peti-  
tion ought or  
ought not to  
be re-inserted  
in the General  
List.

When any Petition for the re-insertion of any Petition for a Private Bill in the General List of Petitions shall stand referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, they shall report to The House whether in their opinion such Petition ought or ought not to be re-inserted, and, if re-inserted, under what (if any) conditions.

100.

To report  
whether Clause  
or Amendment  
on considera-  
tion of Bill  
should be  
adopted by  
House or not,  
or whether  
Bill should be  
re-committed.

When any Clause or Amendment proposed on the consideration of any Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table shall have been referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, they shall report to The House whether such Clause or Amendment should be adopted by The House or not, or whether the Bill should be re-committed.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF SELECTION, AND OF  
THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ON RAILWAY AND CANAL BILLS.

101.

Printed copies of all Private Bills, not being Railway or Canal Bills, shall be laid before the Committee of Selection, and Printed Copies of all Railway and Canal Bills before the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, by the parties promoting the same, at the first Meeting of the said Committees respectively.

Printed  
Copies of  
Bills to be  
laid before  
Committee of  
Selection and  
General Com-  
mittee.

102.

The Committee of Selection may, if they think fit, form into Groups all Private Bills, not being Railway or Canal Bills, and the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills may form into Groups all Railway and Canal Bills, which, in their opinion, it may be expedient to submit to the same Committee, and shall report the same to The House.

Committee of  
Selection and  
General Com-  
mittee to  
group Private  
Bills.

103.

The General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills may, whenever they shall think fit, refer any unopposed Railway or Canal Bill to the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means and two other Members not locally or otherwise interested, to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

Railway and  
Canal unop-  
posed Bills.

104.

The Committee of Selection, in the case of all Private Bills other than Railway and Canal Bills, and the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills in the case of such Bills, shall, subject to the order in regard to the interval between the Second Reading of every Private Bill and the Sitting of the Committee thereupon, fix the time for holding the *First Sitting* of every Committee on a Private Bill which shall have been referred to either of the said Committees.

Committee of  
Selection and  
General Com-  
mittee on  
Railway, &c.  
Bills, to  
appoint First  
Sitting of  
Committee.

105.

The Committee of Selection shall name the Bill or Bills which shall be taken into consideration on the first day of the meeting of the Committee on any Group of Bills not being Railway or Canal Bills; and the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills shall name the Bill or Bills which shall be taken into consideration on the first day of the meeting of each Committee on any Group of such Bills.

Committee of  
Selection and  
General  
Committee  
to name Bill  
or Bills to be  
considered on  
the first day.

106.

The Committee of Selection shall consider no Bill as an opposed Private Bill, unless, not later than Ten clear Days after the First Reading thereof, a Petition shall have been presented against it, in which the Petitioner or Petitioners shall have prayed to be heard, by themselves, their Counsel or Agents, or unless, where no such Petition shall have been presented, the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means shall have reported to The House that in his opinion any Bill ought to be so treated.

What Bills  
not to be  
considered  
opposed.



of  
Committee  
of  
Selection, &c.

107.

Constitution  
of Com-  
mittees on  
opposed Pri-  
vate Bills.

The Committee of Selection shall refer every opposed Private Bill which shall have been referred to them, or any Group of such Bills, to a Chairman and Three Members and a Referee, or a Chairman and Three Members, not locally or otherwise interested therein.

108.

Constitution  
of Com-  
mittees on  
unopposed  
Private Bills.

The Committee of Selection shall refer every unopposed Private Bill, which shall have been referred to them, not being a Road Bill, to the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, together with one of the Members ordered to prepare and bring in the same, and one other Member not locally interested therein, if the Bill shall have originated in this House; and if the Bill shall have been brought from The House of Lords, to the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, together with Two other Members, of whom one at least shall not be locally or otherwise interested therein.

109.

Committee of  
Selection to  
refer all Road  
Bills to a  
Committee.

The Committee of Selection shall refer all Road Bills, whether opposed or unopposed, to a Committee, consisting of a Chairman and Three other Members not locally or otherwise interested therein.

110.

Committee of  
Selection to  
give notice to  
Members.

The Committee of Selection shall give each Member not less than Seven Days' notice, by publication in the Votes or otherwise, of the week in which it will be necessary for him to be in attendance for the purpose of serving, if required, as a Member, not locally or otherwise interested, of a Committee on a Private Bill.

111.

Notice of  
Appointment  
and Decla-  
ration to be  
transmitted  
to Members.

The Committee of Selection shall give to each Member sufficient Notice of his appointment as a Member of a Committee on any Private Bill, or Group of such Bills, and, in every case where a Declaration is required to be signed and returned by such Member, shall transmit to him a blank form of the Declaration required, with a request that it may forthwith be returned properly filled up and signed.

112.

Members  
returning no  
answer to be  
reported.

The Committee of Selection shall report to The House the name of every Member from whom they shall not have received in due time such Declaration, so filled up and signed, or, in lieu thereof, an excuse which they shall deem sufficient.

113.

Committee of  
Selection  
may substi-  
tute Members  
for others.

The Committee of Selection shall have the power of discharging any Member or Members of a Committee, and of substituting other Members.

114.

Committee of  
Selection to  
send for  
persons, &c.

The Committee of Selection shall have power, in the execution of their duties, to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

## PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEES ON OPPOSED BILLS.

## 115.

Each Member of a Committee on an opposed Private Bill, or group of such Bills, shall, before he be entitled to attend and vote on such Committee, sign the following Declaration :

Declaration  
of Members.

I do hereby declare, That my constituents have no local interest, and that I have no personal interest, in such Bill ; and that I will never vote on any question which may arise without having duly heard and attended to the Evidence relating thereto.

And no such Committee shall proceed to business until the said Declaration shall have been so signed by each of such Members.

## 116.

Committees shall not be allowed to proceed if more than One of their Members be absent, unless by special leave of the House.

Quorum  
to be always  
present.

## 117.

No Member of a Committee on an opposed Private Bill shall absent himself from his duties thereon, except in the case of sickness, or by order of The House.

Members not  
to absent  
themselves.

## 118.

If the Chairman shall be absent from the Committee, the Member next in rotation on the List of Members who shall be present shall act as Chairman, but in the case of Railway and Canal Bills only until the General Committee on such Bills shall have appointed, if they shall so think fit, another Chairman.

When Chair-  
man absent.

## 119.

If at any time during the sitting of any Committee, more than One of the Members be absent, the Chairman shall suspend the proceedings of such Committee ; and if at the expiration of *One Hour* from the time fixed for the meeting of the Committee, or from the time when the Chairman shall so have suspended the proceedings, more than One Member be absent, the Committee shall be adjourned to the next day on which the House shall sit, and then shall meet at the hour on which such Committee would have sat, had no such adjournment taken place.

Proceedings  
to be sus-  
pended if  
Quorum not  
present.

## 120.

If any of the Members shall not be present within One Hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee, or if any Member shall absent himself from his duties on such Committee, every such Member shall be reported to The House at its next sitting.

Members  
absent to be  
reported to  
The House.

of  
Committees  
on Opposed  
Bills.

121.

Absence of  
Members by  
Death or  
otherwise to  
be reported.

If, at any time after the Committee on a Bill shall have been formed, a quorum of Members required by the Standing Orders cannot attend in consequence of any of the Members who shall have duly qualified to serve on such Committee having become incompetent to continue such service by having been placed on an Election Committee, or by death or otherwise, the Chairman shall report the circumstances of the case to the House in order that such measures may be taken by the House as shall enable the Members still remaining on the Committee to proceed with the business referred to such Committee, or as the emergency of the case may require.

122.

Questions to  
be decided by  
majority of  
voices.

All questions before Committees on Private Bills shall be decided by a majority of voices, including the voice of the Chairman; and whenever the voices are equal, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

123.

Committee  
on Group to  
consider that  
Bill first which  
Committee of  
Selection or  
General Com-  
mittee shall  
have named, and  
to appoint day  
for Consideration  
of remaining  
Bills, of which  
Clerk of Com-  
mittee to give  
Notice.

The Committee on each Group of Bills shall take the Bill or Bills first into consideration which shall have been named by the Committee of Selection, or by the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills (*see* No. 105); and the Committee shall, from time to time, appoint the day on which they will enter upon the consideration of each of the remaining Bills, and on which they will require the parties severally promoting or opposing the same to enter appearances; and Two clear Days' notice, at the least, of such appointment, shall be given by the Clerk attending the Committee to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office; and in case the Committee shall postpone the consideration of any Bill, notice shall be given of the day to which the same is postponed.

124.

Causes of  
Adjournment  
to be specially  
reported.

Every Committee on an opposed Private Bill shall report specially to the House the cause of any Adjournment over any day on which the House shall sit.

125.

Petition  
against Bill  
not to be con-  
sidered except  
grounds of  
objection  
sufficiently  
specified.

No Petition against a Private Bill shall be taken into consideration by the Committee on such Bill, which shall not distinctly specify the ground on which the Petitioners object to any of the provisions thereof; and the Petitioners shall be only heard on such grounds so stated; and if it shall appear to the said Committee, that such grounds are not specified with sufficient accuracy, the Committee may direct that there be given in to the Committee a more specific Statement, in writing, but limited to such grounds of Objection so inaccurately specified.

126. No



## 126.

No Petitioners against any Private Bill shall be heard before the Committee on the Bill, unless their Petition shall have been prepared and signed in strict conformity with the Rules and Orders of this House, and shall have been presented to this House by having been deposited in the Private Bill Office not later than *Ten* clear *Days* after the First Reading of such Bill, except where the Petitioners shall complain of any matter which may have arisen during the progress of the Bill before the said Committee, or of any proposed additional provision, or of the Amendments as proposed in the filled-up Bill deposited in the Private Bill Office.

Petitioners  
against Bill  
not to be  
heard unless  
Petition pre-  
sented not  
later than  
*Ten* clear  
*Days* after  
First Reading,  
&c.

## 127.

It shall be competent to the Referees on Private Bills to admit Petitioners to be heard upon their Petitions against a Private Bill, on the ground of competition, if they shall think fit.

Competition  
to be a ground  
of locus  
standi.

## 128.

Where a Bill is promoted by an Incorporated Company, Shareholders of such Company shall not be entitled to be heard before the Committee against such Bill, unless their interests, as affected thereby, shall be distinct from the general interests of such Company.

In what cases  
Shareholders  
to be heard.

## 129.

Where a Railway Bill contains provisions for taking or using any part of the Lands, Railway, Stations or Accommodations of another Company, or for running Engines or Carriages upon or across the same, or for granting other facilities, such Company shall be entitled to be heard upon their Petition against the Preamble and Clauses of such Bill.

In what cases  
Railway  
Companies  
to be heard.

## 130.

It shall be competent to the Referees on Private Bills to admit the Petitioners, being the Municipal or other Authority having the local management of the Metropolis, or of any Town, or the Inhabitants of any Town or District alleged to be injuriously affected by a Bill, to be heard against such Bill, if they shall think fit.

Municipal  
authorities  
and Inhabi-  
tants of  
Towns, &c.

## 131.

In all cases of opposed Private Bills, in which no parties shall have appeared on the Petitions against such Bills, or having appeared shall have withdrawn their opposition before the evidence of the Promoters shall have been commenced, the Committees on such Bills shall forthwith refer them back, with a statement of the facts, if not Railway or Canal Bills, to the Committee of Selection, and if Railway and Canal Bills, to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, who shall deal with them as unopposed Bills.

When op-  
posed Bills  
may be  
treated as  
unopposed.

PROCEEDINGS of, and in Relation to, COMMITTEES ON BILLS,  
whether OPPOSED or UNOPPOSED.

132.

Filled-up  
Copies of Bill  
to be laid  
before each  
Member.

At the first Meeting of the Committee, Copies of the Bill, as proposed to be submitted to them, and signed by the Agent, shall be laid by him before each Member of the Committee.

133.

Local Mem-  
ber not to  
vote.

No Member, locally or otherwise interested, of a Committee on any unopposed Private Bill, shall have a Vote on any question that may arise, but every such Member shall be entitled to attend and take part in the proceedings of the Committee.

134.

Names of  
Members to  
be entered on  
Minutes.

The Names of the Members attending each Committee shall be entered by the Clerk on the Minutes of the Committee; and if any Division shall take place in the Committee, the Clerk shall take down the Names of Members voting in any such Division, distinguishing on which side of the question they respectively vote, and that such Lists be given in with the Report to The House.

135.

Committee on  
Bill not to  
inquire into  
certain Stand-  
ing Orders.

No Committee shall have power to examine into the compliance or non-compliance with such Standing Orders as are directed to be proved before the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills, unless by special order of The House.

136.

Committee  
may admit  
affidavits in  
proof of com-  
pliance with  
Standing  
Orders.

The Committee on any Private Bill may admit affidavits in proof of the compliance with such Standing Orders of the House as are directed to be proved before them, unless in any case they shall require further evidence; and such affidavits shall be sworn, if in *England*, before a Justice of the Peace; if in *Scotland*, before any Sheriff-depute or his substitute; and if in *Ireland*, before any Judge or Assistant Barrister of that part of the United Kingdom, or before a Justice of the Peace.

137.

Consents,  
how to be  
proved.

The Committee may admit proof of the Consents of Parties concerned in interest in any Private Bill, by Affidavits, sworn as aforesaid, or by the Certificate in writing of such Parties, whose Signatures to such Certificate shall be proved by *one* or more Witnesses, unless the Committee shall require further Evidence.

138.

Clause com-  
pelling pay-  
ment of Sub-  
scriptions.

In all Bills presented to The House for carrying on any Work by means of a Company, Commissioners or Trustees, Provision shall be made for compelling Persons who have subscribed any Money towards carrying any such Work into execution, to make payment of the Sums severally subscribed by them.

139. In

## 139.

In all Bills whereby any Parties are authorized to levy Fees, Tolls or other Rate or Charge, Clauses shall be inserted, providing for the following objects, except in so far as any of such objects shall have been provided for in some general Act applicable to the subject-matter of the Bill:—

Provision to be made in Bills by which Tolls, &c. are to be levied.

Security to be taken from the Treasurer, Collector, or Receiver, and every other officer entrusted with the collection or custody of monies under the Bill, for the faithful execution of his office.

Security to be taken from Treasurer, &c.

Full and accurate Accounts to be kept of all monies received and expended under the provisions of the Bill, and that such Accounts be balanced once in each year at the least.

Accounts to be kept.

Such Accounts to be duly audited once in each year at the least, and that for such purpose an Auditor or Auditors be appointed by some person or persons not immediately connected with the Commissioners, Directors, Trustees, or other party, by whom, or by whose direction or authority, such Fees, Tolls, Rates or Charges shall be levied.

Accounts to be audited.

For the purpose of auditing such Accounts, the Commissioners, Directors, Trustees or other such party as aforesaid to be required to cause the Accounts, together with all their Books and Vouchers, to be produced to the Auditors.

Accounts, Vouchers, &c., to be produced to Auditors.

The remuneration of the Auditor, and his expenses, to be defrayed out of the funds levied under the Bill.

Remuneration to Auditors.

An annual Account, in abstract, to be prepared of the total Receipts and Expenditure of all funds levied under such Bill for the past year, under the several distinct heads of Receipts and Expenditure, with a Statement of the Balance of the said Account duly audited and certified by the Chairman of the Commissioners, Directors, Trustees or other parties aforesaid, and also by the Auditors thereof; and a copy of such annual Account to be transmitted, free of charge, to the Clerk of the Peace (or in Scotland to the Sheriff Clerk) for the County, or to the Clerk of the City or Borough within which the chief Office for the management of such funds shall be situated, on or before the *Thirty-first* day of *January* in each year, under a sufficient Penalty for not preparing and sending in the said Account, to be levied by summary process; the said Account to be open at all seasonable hours to the inspection of the Public upon payment of a Fee.

Abstract of Account to be annually transmitted to Clerk of Peace.

## 140.

Where the level of any Road shall be altered in making any Public Work, the ascent of any Turnpike Road, or of any Road in Ireland so defined in the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, shall not be more than One foot in 30 feet, and of any other public Carriage Road not more than One foot in 20 feet; and a good and sufficient Fence, of Four feet high at the least, shall be made on each side of every Bridge which shall be erected.

Level of Roads.

Fence to Bridge.



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141.

Plan, &c., to  
be signed by  
Chairman.

Every Plan, and Book of Reference thereto, which shall be produced in evidence before the Committee upon any Private Bill (whether the same shall have been previously lodged in the Private Bill Office, or not,) shall be signed by the Chairman of such Committee, with his Name at length; and he shall also mark with the Initials of his Name every Alteration of such Plan and Book of Reference, which shall be agreed upon by the said Committee; and every such Plan and Book of Reference shall thereafter be deposited in the Private Bill Office.

142.

Committee  
Bill and  
Clauses to be  
signed by  
Chairman.

The Chairman of the Committee shall sign, with his Name at length, a printed Copy of the Bill (to be called the Committee Bill), on which the Amendments are to be fairly written; and also sign, with the Initials of his Name, the several Clauses added in the Committee.

143.

Chairman to  
report on  
allegations of  
Bill, &c.

The Chairman of the Committee shall report to The House, that the Allegations of the Bill have been examined; and whether the Parties concerned have given their Consent (where such Consent is required by the Standing Orders) to the satisfaction of the Committee.

144.

Chairman  
to report Bill  
in all cases.

The Chairman of the Committee shall report the Bill to The House, whether the Committee shall or shall not have agreed to the Preamble, or gone through the several Clauses, or any of them; or where the Parties shall have acquainted the Committee that it is not their intention to proceed with the Bill; and when any alteration shall have been made in the Preamble of the Bill, such alteration, together with the ground of making it, shall be specially stated in the Report.

145.

Committee to  
notice recom-  
mendation  
from Govern-  
ment Depart-  
ments when  
referred.

Whenever a recommendation shall have been made in a Report on a Private Bill from a Department of the Government referred to the Committee, the Committee shall notice such recommendation in their Report, and shall state their reasons for dissenting, should such recommendation not be agreed to.

146.

Minutes of  
Committee.

The Minutes of the Committee on every Private Bill shall be brought up and laid on the Table of The House, with the Report of the Bill.

### *Railway Bills.*

147.

Restrictions  
as to Mort-  
gage.

In the case of a Railway Bill, no Company shall be authorized to raise, by Loan or Mortgage, a larger sum than *One-third* of their capital; and until *Fifty per cent.* on the whole of the capital shall have been paid up, it shall not be in the power of the Company to raise any Money by Loan or Mortgage.

148. Where

148.

Where the level of any road shall be altered in making any Railway, the ascent of any Turnpike Road, or of any Road in *Ireland*, so defined in the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, shall not be more than One foot in 30 feet, and of any other public carriage-road not more than One foot in 20 feet, unless a Report thereupon from some officer of the Board of Trade shall be laid before the Committee on the Bill, and unless the Committee, after considering such Report, if they shall disagree with the said Report, shall recommend steeper ascents, with the reasons and facts upon which their opinion is founded: Also, a good and sufficient Fence, of Four feet high at the least, shall be made on each side of every Bridge which shall be erected.

Limiting  
ascent of  
Roads where  
Level is al-  
tered.Fence to  
Bridge.

149.

No Railway whereon carriages are propelled by steam, or by atmospheric agency, or drawn by ropes in connexion with a stationary steam-engine, shall be made across any turnpike-road or other public carriage-way on the level, unless a Report thereupon from some Officer of the Board of Trade shall be laid before the Committee on the Bill, and unless the Committee, after considering such Report, if they shall disagree with the said Report, shall recommend such level crossing, with the reasons and facts upon which their opinion is founded; and in every Clause authorizing a level crossing, the number of lines of rails authorized to be made at such crossing shall be specified.

Railway not  
to cross Roads  
on a Level  
unless Com-  
mittee  
report, &c.

150.

No Railway Company shall be authorized to construct or enlarge, purchase or take on lease, or otherwise appropriate any Dock, Pier, Harbour or Ferry, or to acquire and use any Steam-vessels for the conveyance of goods and passengers, or to apply any portion of their capital or revenue to other objects, distinct from the Undertaking of a Railway Company, unless the Committee on the Bill report that such a restriction ought not to be enforced, with the reasons and facts upon which their opinion is founded.

Railway  
Company not  
to acquire  
Docks, &c.  
unless Com-  
mittee report,  
&c.

151.

The Committees on Railway Bills shall direct their attention especially to the following heads of inquiry, and shall require evidence from the Promoters thereon, namely:—

*Matters to be  
specially re-  
ported.*

1. The financial arrangements made or proposed by the Company formed for the execution of the Railway; the number and amount of shares actually subscribed for or agreed to be taken; and the amount of share capital and of loans proposed to be authorized.

Capital.

2. The crossings, if any, of public roads on the level.

Crossings of  
Public Roads.

3. The degree of favour or objection with which the project is regarded by the landowners and others in the neighbourhood of the proposed Railway.

Views of  
Landowners  
and others.

Every Committee on a Railway Bill shall report specially to The House,—

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Reports of  
Public De-  
partments.

Whether any Report from any Public Department in regard to the Bill, or the objects thereof, has been referred by The House to the Committee; and, if so, in what manner the several recommendations contained in such Report have been dealt with by the Committee:

Crossing  
Highways on  
level.

Whether it be intended that the Railway shall cross on a level any turnpike road or highway:

Other circum-  
stances.

And any other circumstances which, in the opinion of the Committee, it is desirable that The House should be informed of.

### 152.

Clause to be  
inserted in  
Railway  
Bills, impos-  
ing Penalty  
unless Line  
be opened.

In every Railway Bill, whereby the construction of any new line of Railway is authorized, or the time for completing any line already authorized is extended, promoted by an existing Railway Company which is possessed of a Railway already opened for public traffic, and which has, during the year last past, paid dividends on its ordinary share capital, and which does not propose to raise under the Bill a capital greater than its existing authorized capital, there shall be inserted a Clause to the following effect, viz.:—

(A.) If the Company fail within the period limited by this Act to complete the Railway authorized to be made by this Act, the Company shall be liable to a Penalty of 50*l.* a day for every day after the expiration of the period so limited until the said Railway is completed and opened for public traffic, or until the sum received in respect of such penalty shall amount to five per cent. on the estimated cost of the Works; and the said penalty may be applied for by any landowner or other person claiming to be compensated in accordance with the provisions of the next following section of this Act, and in the same manner as the penalty provided in the 3rd section of the Act 17 & 18 Vic. c. 31, known as “The Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1854,” and every sum of money recovered by way of such penalty as aforesaid shall be paid under the warrant or order of such Court or Judge as is specified in the said 3rd section of the Act 17 & 18 Vic. c. 31, to an account opened or to be opened in the name and with the privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery in *England* [the Queen’s Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, or the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery in *Ireland* (according as the Railway is situate in *England*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland*,)] in the bank named in such order, and shall not be paid thereout except as hereinafter provided; but no penalty shall accrue in respect of any time during which it shall appear, by a certificate to be obtained from the Board of Trade, that the Company was prevented from completing or opening such line by unforeseen accident or circumstances beyond their control: Provided, That the want of sufficient funds shall not be held to be a circumstance beyond their control.

Clause to be  
inserted,  
providing  
that Deposit  
be impounded  
as security  
for comple-  
tion of the  
Line.

In every Railway Bill whereby the construction of any new line is authorized, or the time for completing any line already authorized is extended; if such Bill be promoted by an existing Railway Company which is not possessed of a Railway already opened for public traffic, or which has not during the year last

past



past paid dividends on its ordinary share capital; or by an existing Railway Company when the capital to be raised under the Bill is greater than the existing authorized capital of the Company, or by persons not already incorporated, there shall be inserted a Clause to the following effect, viz. :—

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(B.) Whereas, pursuant to the Standing Orders of both Houses of Parliament, and to an Act of the ninth and tenth years of Her present Majesty, c. 20, a sum of £.

, being five per cent. upon the amount of the Estimate in respect of the Railway authorized by this Act, has been deposited with the Court of Chancery in *England* [or with the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, or the Court of Chancery in *Ireland*, as the case may be], [or Exchequer Bills, Stocks, or Funds to the amount of £.

, have been deposited or transferred pursuant to the said Act, as the case may be], in respect of the application to Parliament for this Act: Be it enacted, That notwithstanding anything contained in the said recited Act, the said sum of £.

[or the said Exchequer Bills, or other Funds as the case may be] so deposited [or transferred] as aforesaid, in respect of the application for this Act, shall not be paid or transferred to or on the application of the person or persons, or the majority of the persons named in the warrant or order issued in pursuance of the said Act, or the survivors or survivor of them, unless the said Company shall, previously to the expiration of the period limited by this Act for completion of the Railway hereby authorized to be made [or the time for completing which is hereby extended], either open the said Railway for the public conveyance of passengers, or prove to the satisfaction of the Lords of the Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations that the said Company have paid up one-half of the amount of the capital by this Act authorized to be raised by means of shares, and have expended for the purposes of this Act a sum equal in amount to such one-half of the said capital; and if the said period shall expire before the said Company shall either have opened the said Railway for the public conveyance of passengers, or have given such proof as aforesaid to the satisfaction of the Lords of the said Committee, the said sum of money [Exchequer Bills, Stocks, or Funds] deposited [or transferred] as aforesaid shall be applied in the manner hereinafter specified; and the certificate of the Lords of the said Committee that such proof has been given to their satisfaction as aforesaid, shall be sufficient evidence of the fact so certified; and it shall not be necessary to produce any certificate of this Act having passed, anything in the said recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

In every Railway Bill whereby the construction of any new line of Railway is authorized, or the time for completing any line already authorized is extended, the following Clauses shall be inserted, in the order in which they are here placed, immediately after that one of the two last preceding Clauses which shall have been inserted in the Bill, viz. :—

Clause to be  
inserted  
providing for  
application of  
Deposit or  
Penalty in  
compensation  
to parties  
injured.

(C.) The said sum of money [Exchequer Bills, Stocks, or Funds] deposited [or transferred] as aforesaid, [or, every sum of money so recovered by way of penalty, as aforesaid], shall be

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applicable, and, after due notice in the "*London Gazette*" [or "*Edinburgh*" or "*Dublin Gazette*," as the case may require], shall be applied towards compensating any landowners or other persons whose property may have been interfered with, or otherwise rendered less valuable, by the commencement, construction, or abandonment of the said Railway, or any portion thereof, or who may have been subjected to injury or loss in consequence of the compulsory powers of taking property conferred upon the Company by this Act, and for which injury or loss no compensation or inadequate compensation shall have been paid, and shall be distributed in satisfaction of such compensation as aforesaid, in such manner and in such proportions as to the Court of Chancery in *England* [or Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, or Court of Chancery in *Ireland*, as the case may be] may seem fit; and if no such compensation shall be payable, or if a portion of the said sum of money [Exchequer Bills, Stocks, or Funds] [or of the sum or sums of money so recovered by way of penalty as aforesaid] shall have been found sufficient to satisfy all just claims in respect of such compensation, then the said sum of money [Exchequer Bills, Stocks, or Funds] [or the said sum or sums of money recovered by way of penalty], or such portion thereof as may not be required as aforesaid, shall be paid [or transferred] to or on the application of the person or persons, or the majority of the persons named in such warrant or order as aforesaid, or the survivor or survivors of them [or the Company from whom such penalty was recovered]: Provided, That until the said sum of money [Exchequer Bills, Stocks, or Funds] shall have been repaid to the depositors, or shall have become otherwise applicable as hereinbefore mentioned, any interest or dividends accruing thereon shall from time to time, and as often as the same shall become payable, be paid to or on the application of the person or persons or the majority of the persons named in such warrant or order as aforesaid, or the survivors or survivor of them.

N.B.—If the Clause lettered (A) is inserted in the Bill, the Proviso at the end of the Clause lettered (C) shall be omitted.

Time limited  
for comple-  
tion of line.

(D.) If the Railway authorized by this Act shall not be completed within the period limited by this Act [such period not to exceed five years in the case of a new line, and three years in the case of the extension of time for completing any line], then, on the expiration of such period, the powers by this Act granted to the Company for making and completing the said Railway, or otherwise in relation thereto, shall cease to be exercised, except as to so much thereof as shall then be completed.

Where pre-  
ceding Pro-  
visions are  
inapplicable.

In any Railway Bill to which the preceding provisions are not applicable, the Committee on the Bill shall make such other provision as they shall deem necessary for ensuring the completion of the line of Railway.

153.

Committee to  
fix the Tolls  
and Charges.

The Committee on every Railway Bill shall fix the Tolls, and shall determine the maximum rates of Charge for the conveyance of Passengers with a due amount of Luggage, and of Goods on such Railway; and such rates of Charge shall include the



the Tolls and the costs of locomotive power, and every other expense connected with the conveyance of Passengers with a due amount of Luggage, and of Goods upon such Railway; but if the Committee shall not deem it expedient to determine such maximum rates of Charge, a Special Report, explanatory of the grounds of their omitting so to do, shall be made to The House, which Special Report shall accompany the Report of the Bill.

## 154.

In every Railway Bill by which it is proposed to authorize the Company to grant any preference or priority in the payment of Interest or Dividends on any Shares or Stock, there shall be inserted a Clause providing that the granting of such preference or priority shall not prejudice or affect any preference or priority in the payment of Interest or Dividends on any other Shares or Stock which shall have been granted by the Company in pursuance of or which may have been confirmed by any previous Act of Parliament, or which may otherwise be lawfully subsisting, unless the Committee on the Bill shall report that such Provision ought not to be required, with the Reasons on which their opinion is founded.

In Bills granting preference in payment of interest, &c., provision to be made that the same shall not prejudice former grants of preference, unless Committee report otherwise.

## 155.

No Railway Company shall be authorized to alter the terms of any preference or priority of Interest or Dividend which shall have been granted by such Company in pursuance of or which may have been confirmed by any previous Act of Parliament, or which may otherwise be lawfully subsisting, unless the Committee on the Bill report that such alteration ought to be allowed, with the Reasons on which their opinion is founded, together with the number of Preference Shareholders who have assented to or dissented from such alteration.

Company not to alter any preference previously granted.

## 156.

No powers of Purchase, Sale, Lease or Amalgamation, shall be contained in any Bill for the construction of a Railway.

No powers of purchase, &c. in Bills for construction of a Railway.

## 157.

No powers of purchasing, hiring, or providing Steam Vessels shall be contained in a Bill by which any other powers are sought to be obtained by a Railway Company, except when the transit by such Steam Vessels is required to connect portions of Railway belonging to or proposed to be constructed by such Company.

No powers of purchasing, &c., Steam Vessels in Railway Bills.

## 158.

No powers of Purchase, Sale, Lease or Amalgamation shall be given to any Railway Company, with reference to any other undertaking already authorized by any Act or Acts, nor to any other incorporated Company, with reference to any Railway, unless, previously to the application to Parliament for such purpose, the several Companies who may be parties to such Purchase, Sale, Lease or Amalgamation shall have proved, to the satisfaction of the Board of Trade, that they have respectively paid up One-half of the capital authorized to be raised by any previous Act or Acts by means of Shares, and have

No powers of purchase, &c. to be given, except after proof of certain matters before Board of Trade, &c.



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expended for the purposes of such Act or Acts a sum equal thereto; and in case such powers shall be applied for in respect of Works intended to be authorized by any Bill or Bills of the same Session, it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Board of Trade that such Companies have respectively paid up one-half the amount of their capital, and that the Company proposed to be empowered to construct such Works have included in such amount the capital proposed to be authorized by such Bill or Bills; and that no such powers shall be given in respect of Works intended to be authorized by any Act or Acts for which it is intended to apply in any subsequent Session.

159.

Railway  
Company not  
to guarantee  
interest or  
dividend be-  
fore comple-  
tion of Line.

No Railway Company shall be authorized, except for the execution of its original Line or Lines sanctioned by Act of Parliament, to guarantee interest on any shares which it may issue for creating additional Capital, or to guarantee any rent or dividend to any other Railway Company, until such first-mentioned Company shall have completed and opened for traffic such original Lines.

160.

Limitation of  
Capital on  
amalgamation  
of Companies.

In Bills for the Amalgamation of Railway Companies, the amount of Capital created by such Amalgamation shall in no case exceed the sum of the Capitals of the Companies so amalgamated.

161.

Additional  
Capital of  
purchasing  
Company not  
to amount to  
more than  
Capital of  
Company  
purchased.

In Bills for empowering any Railway Company to purchase any other Railway, no addition shall be authorized to be made to the Capital of the purchasing Company, beyond the amount of the Capital of the Railway purchased; and in case such Railway shall be purchased at a premium, no addition on account of such premium shall be made to the Capital of the purchasing Company.

162.

Clause that  
no Interest  
or Dividend  
be paid on  
Calls.

A Clause shall be inserted in every Railway Bill, prohibiting the payment of any Interest or Dividend in respect of Calls under such Bill (except the Interest by way of Discount on Subscriptions prepaid, agreeably to 8 Vict. c. 16, s. 24), out of any Capital which they have been authorized to raise either by means of Calls, or of any power of borrowing.

163.

Clause as to  
Deposits not  
to be paid out  
of Capital.

A Clause shall be inserted in every Railway Bill, prohibiting any Railway Company from paying, out of the Capital which they have been authorized to raise for the purposes of any existing Act, the Deposits required by the Standing Orders to be made for the purposes of any application to Parliament for a Bill for the construction of another Railway.

164.

Clause as to  
Railway not  
to be exempt  
from any  
General Act

The following Clause shall be inserted in all Railway Bills passing through this House :

And be it further Enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the Railway by this or the said recited Acts authorized to be made from the provisions of any General Act relating to Railways now in force, or which may

may hereafter pass during this or any future Session of Parliament, or from any future revision and alteration, under the authority of Parliament, of the maximum rates of fares and charges authorized by this Act [or by the said recited Acts].

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*Agreements.*

165.

Where it is sought by any Bill to give Parliamentary sanction to any Agreement, such Agreement shall be annexed to the Bill as a Schedule thereto, and shall be printed *in extenso* therewith.

Agreement to  
be annexed to  
Bill.

*Letters Patent.*

166.

When any Bill shall be brought into The House for confirming of Letters Patent, there shall be a true Copy of such Letters Patent annexed to the Bill.

Copy of  
Letters Pa-  
tent to be  
annexed to  
the Bill.

*Inclosure and Drainage Bills.*

167.

In the case of any Bill for inclosing Lands, the Committee may admit proof of the Notices required by the Standing Orders, and of the Allegations in the Preamble of such Bill, by Affidavit taken and authenticated, according to the form prescribed in the Schedule to the General Inclosure Act (41 Geo. 3, c. 109,) unless such Committee shall otherwise order.

Notices and  
Allegations.  
Gen. Inc. Act.

168.

The Committee on every Bill for inclosing Lands shall in the first place require the Agent for the same to deliver in to the Committee a printed copy of the Bill, signed by the Lord of the Manor (in cases where the Lord of the Manor has any interest as such in the lands to be inclosed), and by such Owners of Property within the Parish to which the Bill relates as shall have assented thereto; but the Parties, if they shall think fit, shall be permitted to deliver in different copies of the Bill, separately signed by the several Parties hereinbefore mentioned, instead of one copy, signed by all of them collectively; together with a List of all the Owners of Property within such Parish, showing the value according to the Poor Rate or Land Tax Assessment of each Owner's Property therein, and distinguishing which of them have assented, dissented, or are neuter in respect thereto.

Consent Bill  
and State-  
ment of Pro-  
perty to be  
delivered in.

169.

The Committee on every Bill for draining Lands shall in the first place require the Agent for the same to deliver in to the Committee a printed copy of the Bill, signed by such Owners and Occupiers of Property within the Parish to which the Bill relates as shall have assented thereto; but the Parties, if they shall think fit, shall be permitted to deliver in different copies of the Bill, separately signed by the several Parties hereinbefore mentioned, instead of one copy, signed by all of them collectively; together with a List of all the Owners of Property within such Parish, showing the value according to the Poor

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and State-  
ment of Pro-  
perty to be  
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Rate or Land Tax Assessment of each Owner's Property therein, and distinguishing which of them have assented, dissented, or are neuter in respect thereto.

## 170.

Clause for  
leaving open  
Space for  
exercise and  
recreation.

In every Bill for inclosing Lands, provision shall be made for leaving an open space in the most appropriate situation, sufficient for purposes of exercise and recreation of the neighbouring population; and the Committee on the Bill shall have before them the number of acres proposed to be inclosed, as also of the population in the parishes or places in which the land to be inclosed is situate; and also shall see that provision is made for the efficient fencing of the allotment, for the investment of the same in the Churchwardens and Overseers of the parish in which such open space is reserved, and for the efficient making and permanent maintenance of the fences by such parish; and in any case where the information hereby required is not given, and the required provisions are not made in the Bill, the Committee on the same shall report specially to The House the reasons for not complying with such Order.

## 171.

Consent Bill  
to contain  
Names of  
Commission-  
ers, and Com-  
pensations for  
Manorial  
Rights, Tithes  
and Enfran-  
chisements.

In every Bill for inclosing Lands, the Names of the Commissioners proposed to be appointed, and the Compensation intended for the Lord of the Manor, and the Owners of Tithes, in lieu of their respective Rights, and also the Compensation intended to be made for the enfranchisement of Copyholds, where any Bargains or Agreements have been made for such Compensations, shall be inserted in the copy of the Bill presented to The House: And all copies of such Bills which shall be sent to any of the Persons interested in the said Manor, Tithes, Lands or Commons, for their Consent, shall contain the Names of such proposed Commissioners, and also the Compensations so bargained or agreed for.

## 172.

Disqualifica-  
tion of certain  
Persons as  
Commis-  
sioners, Sur-  
veyors, &c.

No Person shall be named in any Bill for inclosing Lands as a Commissioner, Umpire, Surveyor or Valuer, who shall be interested in the Inclosure to be made by virtue of such Bill; or the Agent ordinarily intrusted with the care, superintendence, or management of the Estate of any Person so interested.

## 173.

Clause for  
settling Pay  
of Commis-  
sioners, and  
passing their  
Accounts.

In every Bill for inclosing, draining or improving Lands there shall be inserted a Clause, providing what sum of Money in the whole, or by the day, shall be paid to each of the Commissioners to be appointed by such Bill, in satisfaction of the expense and trouble which he shall incur in the execution of the powers thereby given; and also a Clause, providing that the Account of such Commissioner or Commissioners, containing a true statement of all Sums by him or them received and expended or due to him or them for their own trouble or expenses, shall, at least once in every year, from the date of the passing of the Act till such Accounts shall be finally allowed, together with the Vouchers relating to the same, be examined by some Person or Persons to be appointed by the Bill, and the



the Balance by him or them stated in the Book of Accounts required to be kept in the Office of the Clerk of such Commissioners; and that no charge or item in such Accounts shall be binding on the Parties concerned, or be valid in law, unless the same shall be duly allowed by such Person or Persons.

Proceedings  
of  
Committees  
on Bills.

*Turnpike Roads (Ireland).*

174.

In every Bill for making a Turnpike Road in *Ireland*, or for the continuing or amending any Act passed for that purpose, or for the increase or alteration of the existing Tolls, Rates or Duties upon any such Road, or for widening or diverting any such Road, a Clause shall be inserted, to prevent any Person who shall be nominated a Commissioner from acting or voting in the business of the said Turnpike, unless he shall be possessed of an Estate in Land, or of a Personal Estate, to such certain value as shall be specified in such Bills; and such Qualification shall be extended to the Heirs apparent of Persons possessed of an Estate in Land to a certain value to be specified.

Clause for  
Qualification  
of Commis-  
sioners.

175.

That in every Bill for making a Burial Ground or Cemetery, or the erection of Works for the manufacture of Gas, there shall be a Clause defining the limits within which such Burial Ground, Cemetery, or Gas Works shall be erected or made.

Clause for  
defining  
limits  
of Burial  
Ground,  
Cemetery,  
or Gas Works.

PROCEEDINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON DIVORCE BILLS.

176.

The Select Committee on Divorce Bills shall require evidence to be given before them that an action for damages has been brought in one of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or in one of Her Majesty's Courts of Record in *Dublin*, or in one of Her Majesty's Supreme Courts of Judicature of the Presidencies of *Calcutta*, *Madras*, *Bombay* or the Island of *Ceylon*, respectively, against the persons supposed to have been guilty of Adultery, and judgment for the plaintiff had thereupon; or sufficient cause to be shown to the satisfaction of the said Committee why such action was not brought, or such judgment was not obtained.

What  
Evidence to  
be given in  
Divorce  
Cases.

177.

The Select Committee on Divorce Bills shall, in all cases in which the Petitioner for the Bill has attended the House of Lords upon the Second Reading of the Bill, require him to attend before them to answer any questions they may think fit that he should answer.

When Peti-  
tioner for Bill  
to attend  
Committee.

178.

The Select Committee on Divorce Bills shall report every such Bill to The House, whether such Committee shall or shall not have agreed to the Preamble, or gone through the several Clauses, or any of them.

Committee to  
report Bill in  
all cases.



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V.  
THE ORDERS  
REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF THE  
HOUSE WITH REGARD TO  
PRIVATE BILLS.

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## V.

THE ORDERS REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF THE  
HOUSE WITH REGARD TO PRIVATE BILLS.

## 179.

No Private Bill shall be brought into this House, but upon a Petition first presented, which shall have been duly deposited in the Private Bill Office, and indorsed by one of the Examiners, with a printed copy of the proposed Bill annexed: And such Petition shall be signed by the Parties, or some of them, who are Suitors for the Bill.

Petition for  
Bill, and how  
to be signed.

## 180.

All Petitions for Private Bills shall be presented to The House not later than Three clear Days after the same shall have been indorsed by the Examiner, or if, when the same is indorsed, The House shall not be sitting, then not later than Three clear Days after the First sitting thereof subsequent to such indorsement; and if The House shall not be sitting on the latest day on which any Petition ought to be presented, then the same shall be presented on the first day on which The House shall again sit.

Petitions  
when to be  
presented.

## 181.

All Private Bills which have been ordered to be brought in shall be presented to The House by depositing the same in the Private Bill Office, and shall be laid, by one of the Clerks of that Office, on the Table of The House for First Reading, together with a List of such Bills.

How Private  
Bills to be  
presented.

## 182.

No Private Bill shall be read a First Time unless it be presented not later than One clear Day after the presentation of the Petition for leave to bring in the same; or where the Petition has been referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, then not later than One clear Day after The House shall have given leave to the Parties to proceed with the Bill.

Bill, when to  
be presented.

## 183.

No Petition for additional Provision in any Private Bill will be received by this House, unless a printed Copy of the proposed Clauses be annexed thereto.

Petition for  
additional  
Provision.

## 184.

All Petitions for additional Provision in Private Bills, with the proposed Clauses annexed, and all Estate Bills brought from the House of Lords, and all Bills introduced by leave of The House in lieu of other Bills which shall have been withdrawn, after having been read a First Time, shall be referred to the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills.

Petitions for  
additional Pro-  
vision and  
Estate Bills from  
Lords, &c. to be  
referred to  
Examiner of  
Petitions.

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of the  
House.

185.

Bills from  
Lords to be  
referred to  
Examiner.

Whenever any Private Bill which, in pursuance of any Report from the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means under Standing Order 82, has originated in the House of Lords, shall have been brought from the House of Lords, such Bill, after having been read a First time, shall be referred to the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills, before whom the compliance with such Standing Orders as shall not have been previously inquired into shall be proved.

186.

Reports of  
Examiner to  
be referred to  
Committee on  
Standing Orders.

All Reports of the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills, in which he shall report that the Standing Orders have not been complied with, and all Special Reports of the said Examiner, shall be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

187.

Petitions for  
Dispensation, &c.  
to be referred to  
Committee on  
Standing Orders.

All Petitions praying that any of the Sessional or Standing Orders of The House relating to Private Bills may be dispensed with, and all Petitions for the re-insertion of Petitions for Private Bills in the General List of Petitions, and all Petitions opposing the same, shall be presented to this House by depositing the same in the Private Bill Office; and every such Petition, so deposited, shall stand referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

188.

Printed Bill to  
be presented.

Every Private Bill, printed on paper, of a size to be determined upon by Mr. Speaker, shall be presented to The House, with a Cover of Parchment attached to it, upon which the Title of the Bill is to be written; and the short Title of the Bill, as first entered on the Votes, shall correspond with that at the head of the Advertisement.

189.

Rates, Tolls  
and other  
Matters to be  
inserted in  
*Italics*.

The proposed amount of all Rates, Tolls, and other matters heretofore left blank in any Private Bill, when presented to The House, shall be inserted in *Italics* in the printed Bill annexed to the Petition.

190.

What Bills to  
be printed,  
and when.

Every Private Bill (except Name Bills) shall be printed; and printed copies thereof delivered to the door-keepers for the use of the Members before the First Reading.

191.

Time between  
First and Second  
Reading.

There shall not be less than *Three* clear days, nor more than *Seven*, between the First and Second Reading of any Private Bill, unless any such Bill have been referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in which case the Bill shall not be read a second time later than *Seven* clear days after the Report of the Examiner, or of the Select Committee on Standing Orders, as the case may be.

192. Every



192.

Every Petition in favour of or against any Private Bill before The House, or otherwise relating thereto (not being a Petition for additional Provision), shall be presented to this House, by depositing the same in the Private Bill Office, and there shall be indorsed thereon the name or short Title by which such Bill is entered in the Votes, and a Statement that such Petition is in favour of or against the Bill, or otherwise, as the case may be, together with the name of the Member, Party or Agent depositing the same.

Petition relating to Bills to be presented to House by being deposited in the Private Bill Office, and Name of Bill to be indorsed on every Petition.

193.

Any Petitioner or Memorialist may withdraw his Petition or Memorial, on a requisition to that effect being deposited in the Private Bill Office, signed by him or by the Agent who deposited such Petition or Memorial; and where any such Petition or Memorial is signed by more than one person, any person signing such Petition or Memorial may withdraw his opposition by a similar requisition, signed and deposited as aforesaid.

Petitioner or Memorialist may withdraw Petition or Memorial.

194.

In cases where the Second or Third Reading of a Private Bill, or the consideration of a Bill as amended by the Committee, or any proposed Clause or Amendment, is opposed, the same shall be postponed until the day on which The House shall next sit.

When Second or Third Reading opposed to be postponed.

195.

Every Private Bill, not being a Railway, Canal or Divorce Bill, after having been read a Second time and committed, shall stand referred to the Committee of Selection; and if a Railway or Canal Bill, to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills; and if a Divorce Bill, to the Select Committee on Divorce Bills.

Bills to stand referred to Committees of Selection, General Committee, and Divorce.

196.

When The House shall have been informed by the Chairman of Ways and Means, that in his opinion any unopposed Private Bill should be treated as an opposed Bill, such Bill shall be again referred to the Committee of Selection; or in the case of a Railway or Canal Bill, to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

When unopposed Bill is to be treated as opposed, to be again referred to Committee of Selection or General Committee.

197.

Every Petition against a Private Bill which shall have been deposited in the Private Bill Office not later than Ten clear days after the First Reading of such Bill, or which shall have been otherwise deposited under the provisions of Standing Order 126, shall stand referred to the Committee on such Bill; and, subject to the Rules and Orders of this House, such Petitioners as shall have prayed to be heard, by themselves, their Counsel or Agents, shall be heard upon their Petition accordingly, if they think fit, and Counsel heard, in favour of the Bill, against such Petition.

Petition against Bill, if duly deposited in Private Bill Office, to stand referred to Committee on Bill &c.

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of the  
House.

198.

Time between  
Second Reading  
and Committee.

There shall be *Eight* clear *days* between the Second Reading of every Private Bill and the sitting of the Committee thereupon, except in the case of Name Bills, Naturalisation Bills, and Estate Bills (not being Bills relating to Crown, Church or Corporation property, or property held in trust for Public or Charitable purposes), in respect of which there shall be *Three* clear *days* between the Second Reading and the Committee.

199.

Reports of  
Departments  
to stand re-  
ferred to  
Committee  
on Bill.

All Reports made under the authority of any Public Department upon a Private Bill, or the objects thereof, laid before The House, shall stand referred to the Committee on the Bill.

200.

Report of  
Bills.

The Report upon every Private Bill shall lie upon the Table; and the Bill, if amended in Committee, or a Railway Bill, when reported, shall be ordered to lie upon the Table; and every other Bill, when reported, shall be ordered to be read a Third time.

201.

Bill to be  
printed after  
Report.

Every Private Bill, as amended in Committee, shall be printed at the expense of the Parties applying for the same, and delivered to the Door-keepers for the use of the Members, *Three* clear *days* at least before the consideration of such Bill.

202.

Time be-  
tween Report  
and Consider-  
ation of Bill,  
&c.

In the case of Private Bills ordered to lie upon the Table, *Three* clear days shall intervene between the Report and the consideration of the Bill, and no consideration of any such Bill shall take place, unless the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means shall have informed The House, or signified in writing to Mr. Speaker, whether the Bill contain the several provisions required by the Standing Orders.

203.

No Clause or  
Amendment  
on considera-  
tion of Bill,  
or on Third  
Reading, to  
be offered,  
unless Chair-  
man of Ways  
and Means  
shall have  
informed The  
House, &c.

No Clause or Amendment shall be offered in the House on the consideration of any Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table, nor any verbal Amendment on the Third Reading of any Private Bill, unless the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means shall have informed The House, or signified in writing to Mr. Speaker, whether, in his opinion, such Clause or Amendment be such as ought or ought not to be entertained by The House, without referring the same to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

204.

Clauses and  
Amendments  
offered on  
consideration  
of Bill  
or verbal  
Amendments  
on Third  
Reading, to  
be printed.

When any Clause or Amendment is offered on the consideration of any Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table, or any verbal Amendment on the Third Reading of any Private Bill, such Clause or Amendment shall be printed: And when any Clause is proposed to be amended, it shall be printed *in extenso*, with every addition or substitution in different type, and the

the omissions therefrom included in brackets and underlined. The expense of printing such Clauses or Amendments, when offered by a party promoting or opposing a Bill, shall be paid by such party.

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House.

## 205.

When any Clause or Amendment on the consideration of any Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table, or any verbal Amendment on the Third Reading of any Private Bill, shall have been referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, no further proceeding shall be had until the Report of the said Select Committee shall have been brought up.

When referred, no further proceeding to be had until Report of Select Committee on Standing Orders.

## 206.

No Amendments, not being merely verbal, shall be made to any Private Bill on the Third Reading.

No Amendments, except verbal, on Third Reading.

## 207.

All Amendments made by the House of Lords to any Private Bill shall be printed at the expense of the parties, and circulated with the Votes, prior to such Amendments being taken into consideration; and where any Clause has been amended, it shall be printed *in extenso*, with every addition or substitution in different type, and the omissions therefrom included in brackets and underlined; and when any Amendments are intended to be proposed to the Lords' Amendments, such proposed Amendments shall also be printed in like manner.

Lords' Amendments to be printed and circulated with the Votes prior to consideration, &c.

## 208.

Every Private Bill, after it has been read a Third time, shall be printed fair, at the expense of the Parties applying for the same.

Bill to be printed fair after Third Reading.

## 209.

In all cases where it is intended to appoint a Committee to inspect the Journals of the House of Lords with relation to any proceedings upon any Private Bill, previous notice thereof in writing shall be given by the Agent to the Clerks in the Committee Office.

Notice of Committee to inspect Lords' Journals to be given to Committee Clerks.

## 210.

No Private Bill shall pass through two stages on one and the same day without the special leave of The House.

Bill not to proceed two stages on same day.

## 211.

Except in cases of urgent and pressing necessity, no Motion shall be made to dispense with any Sessional or Standing Order of The House without due notice thereof.

Notice to be given of Motion for dispensation.

## 212.

Each day, so soon as The House shall be ready to proceed to Private Business, the Clerk at the Table shall read from the Private Business List, and from the List of Bills presented for

Order of Proceedings in House on Private Business.



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First Reading (*see* Order 181), the Titles of the several Bills set down therein, according to their precedence, as arranged under the following heads :—

1. Consideration of Lords' Amendments ;
2. Third Reading ;
3. Consideration of Bills ordered to lie upon the Table ;
4. Second Reading ;
5. First Reading ;

and if upon the reading of each such Title, as aforesaid, no Motion shall be made with respect to such Private Bill, the further proceedings thereon shall be adjourned until the next sitting of The House.

213.

Tolls and  
Charges not  
in the nature  
of a Tax.

That this House will not insist on its privileges with regard to any Clauses in Private Bills sent down from the House of Lords which refer to tolls and charges for services performed, and are not in the nature of a Tax.

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VI.  
THE ORDERS  
REGULATING THE PRACTICE IN THE  
PRIVATE BILL OFFICE.

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## VI.

THE ORDERS REGULATING THE PRACTICE IN THE  
PRIVATE BILL OFFICE.

## 214.

A Book, to be called "THE PRIVATE BILL REGISTER," shall be kept in a Room, to be called "THE PRIVATE BILL OFFICE," in which Book shall be entered by the Clerks appointed for the business of that Office, the Name, Description and Place of Residence of the Parliamentary Agent in Town, and of the Agent in the Country (if any) soliciting the Bill; and all the Proceedings, from the Petition to the passing of the Bill:—Such Entry to specify, briefly, each day's Proceeding before the Examiners of Petitions respectively, or in The House, or in any Committee to which the Bill may be referred; the day and hour on which the Examiner or the Committee is appointed to sit; the day and hour to which the Proceedings before such Examiners or Committee may be adjourned, and the name of the Clerk attending the same. Such Book to be open to public inspection daily, in the said Office, between the hours of Ten and Six.

Private Bill  
Office and  
Register.

## 215.

The receipt of all Documents required, by the Standing Orders of The House, to be deposited in the Private Bill Office, shall be acknowledged by one of the Clerks of the said Office, upon the said Documents, when deposited.

Receipt of  
Documents  
to be acknow-  
ledged.

## 216.

A List of all Petitions for Private Bills shall be kept in the Private Bill Office in the order of their deposit, according to such regulations as shall have been made by Mr. Speaker, which shall be called the "General List of Petitions," and each Petition therein shall be numbered.

List of Peti-  
tions to be  
kept.

## 217.

All Memorials complaining of non-compliance with the Standing Orders, in reference to Petitions for Bills deposited in the Private Bill Office on or before the 23rd December, shall be deposited as follows:

Memorials  
when to be  
deposited.

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in the  
Private Bill  
Office.

If the same relate to Petitions for Bills numbered in the General List of Petitions ;

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| 1 to 100        | } They shall be deposited on { | January 9th. |
| 101 to 200      |                                | " 16th.      |
| 201 and upwards |                                | " 23rd.      |

And in the case of any Petitions for Bills which may be deposited by leave of The House after the 23rd December, such Memorials shall be deposited Three clear Days before the day first appointed for the examination of the Petition.

218.

Deposit of  
Memorials  
and Copies  
thereof in  
Private Bill  
Office.

All Memorials shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office before Six of the clock in the evening of any day on which The House shall sit, and before Two of the clock on any day on which The House shall not sit ; and Two copies of every such Memorial shall be deposited for the use of the Examiners before Twelve of the clock on the following day.

219.

Time for  
depositing  
Memorials  
in certain  
cases, &c.

Every Memorial complaining of non-compliance with the Standing Orders of The House in reference to Petitions for additional provision in Private Bills, to Estate Bills brought from the House of Lords, and to Bills introduced by leave of this House in lieu of other Bills which shall have been withdrawn, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, together with Two Copies thereof, before Twelve o'clock on the day preceding that appointed for the examination of any such Petition or Bill by the Examiner ; and the Examiner shall be at liberty to entertain such Memorial, although the party (if any) who may be specially affected by the non-compliance with the Standing Orders shall not have signed the same.

220.

Deposit of  
Memorials  
complaining  
of Non-com-  
pliance of  
Standing  
Order 185.

Every Memorial complaining of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in cases of Bills referred to the Examiner under Standing Order 185, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, together with two copies thereof, before Twelve o'clock on the day preceding that appointed for the examination.

221.

Notice to be  
given of Exa-  
mination of  
Petitions, &c.

One of the Examiners shall give at least *Seven* clear days' notice in the Private Bill Office of the day appointed for the examination of each Petition for a Bill, and at least Two clear days' notice in all cases of Petitions for additional Provision in Private Bills, of Estate Bills brought from the House of Lords, of Bills introduced by leave of this House in lieu of other Bills which shall have been withdrawn, and referred to the Examiners, and of Bills referred in pursuance of Standing Order 185.

222.

Examination  
Book.

After each Private Bill has been read the First time, its Name (or short Title) shall be copied by the Clerks of the Private Bill Office, from the Clerk's Minute Book of the day, into a separate Book, to be called "THE EXAMINATION BOOK ;"—wherein shall be noted the number of such Bill, according to the priority of its being read, and the date of the day of such First Reading.

223. Every

## 223.

Every Private Bill, after it has been read the First time and the Title copied and examined for the Votes, shall be in the custody of the Clerks of the Private Bill Office, until laid upon the Table for the Second Reading; and when committed, shall be taken by the proper Committee Clerk into his charge, till reported.

## 224.

Between the First and Second Reading of every Private Bill, the Bill shall, according to its priority, be examined, with all practicable despatch, by the Clerks of the Private Bill Office, as to its conformity with the Rules and Standing Orders of The House; and if not in due form, the Examining Clerk shall specify thereon the page in which any irregularity occurs, and shall enter the day of such Examination, together with his own Name, in the Examination Book.

## 225.

Three clear days' Notice in writing shall be given by the Agent for the Bill, to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, of the day proposed for the Second Reading of every Private Bill; and no such Notice shall be given until the day after that on which the Bill has been ordered to be read a second time.

## 226.

Four clear days' notice shall be given by the Clerk to the Committee of Selection, or by the Clerk to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, as the case may be, to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, of the day and hour appointed for the meeting of the Committee on every Private Bill that shall have been referred to either of the said Committees, except in the case of Name Bills, Naturalization Bills and Estate Bills, and except in the case of Bills referred back to either of the said Committees as unopposed:—and in the case of such Name Bills, Naturalization Bills and Estate Bills, there shall be One clear day's notice given of Committee by the Clerk to the Committee of Selection:—and in the case of Bills not referred to the Committee of Selection, or to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, Four clear days' notice, and, in the case of a re-committed Bill, Three clear days' notice, shall be given by the Agents for the Bill to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office of the day and hour appointed for the meeting of the Committee, and all the proceedings of any Committee of which such notice shall not have been given, shall be void.

## 227.

A filled-up Bill, signed by the Agent for the Bill, as proposed to be submitted to the Committee on the Bill, and in the case of a re-committed Bill, a filled-up Bill, as proposed to be submitted to the Committee on re-committal, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office Two clear days before the meeting of the Committee on every Private Bill; and a Copy of the proposed Amendments shall be furnished by the Promoters to such Parties petitioning against the Bill as shall apply for it, One clear day before the meeting of the Committee.



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in the  
Private Bill  
Office.

228.

Notice of  
Postpone-  
ment.

Notice in writing shall be given by the Clerk to the Committee of Selection, or by the Clerk to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, as the case may be, to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, of the postponement of the first meeting of any Committee on a Private Bill which shall have been referred either to the Committee of Selection, or to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, on the day on which such postponement is made; and in the case of Bills not referred to the Committee of Selection, or the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, *One* clear day's notice shall be given by the Agents for the Bill, and, in the case of Divorce Bills, either by the Agents or by the Clerk to the Select Committee on Divorce Bills, to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office of such postponement.

229.

Notice of Ad-  
journalment.

Notice, in writing, shall be given by the Committee Clerk to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, of the day and hour to which each Committee is adjourned.

230.

Notice of  
consideration  
of Bill.

*One* clear day's Notice, in writing, shall be given by the Agent for the Bill, to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, of the day proposed for the consideration of every Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table.

231.

Bill as  
amended in  
Committee to  
be delivered  
in.

The Committee Clerk, after the Report is made out, shall deliver in to the Private Bill Office a printed Copy of the Bill, with the written Amendments made in the Committee; in which Bill, all the Clauses added by the Committee shall be regularly marked in those parts of the Bill wherein they are to be inserted.

232.

Bill printed  
as amended,  
to be exa-  
mined.

Every Private Bill printed as amended in Committee (*see* Order 201), shall be examined by the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, with the Bill delivered in by the Committee Clerk, and the Examining Clerks shall indorse thereon a certificate of such examination.

233.

Notice to be  
given of  
Clauses, &c.  
on consi-  
deration of  
Bill, or  
verbal  
Amendments  
on Third  
Reading.

When it is intended to bring up any Clause or to propose any Amendment on the consideration of any Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table, or any verbal Amendment on the Third Reading of any Private Bill, Notice shall be given thereof, in the Private Bill Office, *One* clear day previous to such consideration or Third Reading.

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in the  
Private Bill  
Office.

## 234.

*One* clear day's Notice, in writing, shall be given by the Agent for the Bill to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office of the day proposed for the *Third Reading* of every Private Bill; and no such Notice shall be given until the day after that on which the Bill shall have been ordered to be read a Third time.

Notice of  
Third  
Reading.

## 235.

The Amendments (if any) which are made on the consideration of any Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table, and on the Third Reading of any Private Bill, and also such Amendments made by the House of Lords as shall have been agreed to by this House, shall be entered by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office upon the printed Copy of the Bill as amended in Committee; which Clerk shall sign the said Copy so amended, in order to its being deposited and preserved in the said Office.

Amendments  
on considera-  
tion of Bill  
and Third  
Reading.

## 236.

Every Private Bill, after it has been printed fair (*see* 208), shall, before the same is sent to the Lords, be examined by the Clerks in the Private Bill Office with the Bill, as read a third time; and the Examining Clerks shall indorse thereon a certificate of such examination.

Private Bill  
sent to The  
Lords to be  
indorsed with  
Certificate of  
Examination.

## 237.

When Amendments made by the House of Lords to any Private Bill are to be taken into consideration, *One* clear day's Notice shall be given thereof in the Private Bill Office, and if any Amendments be intended to be proposed thereto, a copy of such Amendments shall also be deposited, and Notice given thereof, *One* clear day previous to the same being proposed to be taken into consideration; and no such Notice shall be given until the day after that on which such Bill shall have been returned from the House of Lords.

Notice of  
consideration  
of Lords'  
Amendments.

## 238.

All *Notices* required to be given or deposits to be made in the Private Bill Office shall be delivered in the said Office before *Six* of the clock in the *Evening* of any day on which The House shall sit, and before *Two* of the clock on any day on which The House shall not sit; and after any day on which The House shall have adjourned beyond the following day, no Notice shall be given for the first day on which it shall again sit.

Time for  
delivering  
Notices.

## 239.

The Clerks in the Private Bill Office shall prepare, daily, Lists of all Private Bills, and Petitions for Private Bills upon which any Committee or Examiner is appointed to sit; specifying the Hour of meeting, and the Room where the Committee or Examiner shall sit; and the same shall be hung up in the Lobby of the House.

Daily Lists of  
Committees  
sitting.

Every Plan, and Book of Reference thereto, which shall be certified by The Speaker of the House of Commons, in pursuance of any Act of Parliament, shall previously be ascertained, and verified in such manner as shall be deemed most advisable by The Speaker, to be exactly conformable in all respects to the Plan and Book of Reference which shall have been signed by the Chairman of the Committee upon the Bill.

*Denis Le Marchant*

*A. Ho. Com.*

*Friday 31 July 1868*

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## APPENDIX (A.)

[FORM referred to in Page 15.]

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Sir,

WE beg to inform you, that Application is intended to be made to Parliament in the ensuing Session for "An Act" [*here insert the Title of the Act*], and that the Property mentioned in the annexed Schedule, or some Part thereof, in which we understand you are interested as therein stated, will be required for the Purposes of the said Undertaking, according to the Line thereof as at present laid out, or may be required to be taken under the usual Powers of Deviation to the Extent of \_\_\_\_\_ Yards on either side of the said Line which will be applied for in the said Act.

We also beg to inform you, that a Plan and Section of the said Undertaking, with a Book of Reference thereto, have been or will be deposited with the [*several Clerks of the Peace, or principal Sheriff Clerks, as the case may be*] of the Counties of [*specify the Counties in which the Property is situate*], on or before the 30th of November, and that Copies of so much of the said Plan and Section as relates to the [*Parish or extra-parochial place, as the case may be*], in which your Property is situate, with a Book of Reference thereto, have been or will be deposited for public Inspection with the [*Clerk of the said Parish, Clerk of the Parish of \_\_\_\_\_ adjoining to such extra-parochial place, Schoolmaster of the Parish, Session Clerk, Town Clerk of the Royal Burgh, or the Clerk of the Union in which such Parish is included, as the case may be*], on or before the 30th day of November, on which Plans your Property is designated by the Numbers set forth in the annexed Schedule.

As we are required to report to Parliament whether you assent to or dissent from the proposed Undertaking, or whether you are neuter in respect thereto, you will oblige us by writing your Answer of Assent, Dissent or Neutrality in the Form left herewith, and returning the same to us with your Signature on or before the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ next; and if there should be any Error or Misdescription in the annexed Schedule, we shall feel obliged by your informing us thereof, at your earliest convenience, that we may correct the same without delay.

We are, Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

To

*Note.*—If the Application be forwarded by Post, the words "Parliamentary Notice" are to be printed or written on the cover.

SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Notice, describing the Property therein alluded to.

|                                                                                                                              | Parish, Township,<br>Townland,<br>or<br>Extra-parochial<br>Place. | Number<br>on<br>Plans. | Description. | Owner. | Lessee. | Occupier. |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|--------|---------|-----------|
| Property on the Line of the<br>proposed Work, or within<br>the Limits of the Devia-<br>tion intended to be ap-<br>plied for. |                                                                   |                        |              |        |         |           |

## APPENDIX (B.)

ANNO PRIMO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

CAP. LXXXIII.

AN ACT to compel Clerks of the Peace for Counties and other Persons to take the Custody of such Documents as shall be directed to be deposited with them under the Standing Orders of either House of Parliament.

WHEREAS the Houses of Parliament are in the habit of requiring that, previous to the introduction of any Bill into Parliament for making certain bridges, turnpike-roads, cuts, canals, reservoirs, aqueducts, waterworks, navigations, tunnels, archways, railways, piers, ports, harbours, ferries, docks and other works, to be made under the authority of Parliament, certain maps or plans and sections, and books and writings, or extracts or copies of or from certain maps, plans or sections, books and writings, shall be deposited in the office of the clerk of the peace for every county, riding or division in England or Ireland, or in the office of the sheriff clerk of every county in Scotland, in which such work is proposed to be made, and also with the parish clerk in every parish in England, the schoolmaster of every parish of Scotland, or in Royal Burghs with the town clerk, and the postmaster of the post town in or nearest to every parish in Ireland, in which such work is intended to be made, and with other persons: And whereas it is expedient that such maps, plans, sections, books, writings and copies or extracts of and from the same, should be received by the said clerks of the peace, sheriff clerks, parish clerks, schoolmasters, town clerks, postmasters and other persons, and should remain in their custody for the purposes hereinafter mentioned; BE it therefore Enacted by The QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, THAT whenever either of the Houses of Parliament shall by its Standing Orders, already made or hereafter to be made, require that any such maps, plans, sections, books or writings, or extracts or copies of the same, or any of them, shall be deposited as aforesaid, such maps, plans, sections, books, writings, copies and extracts shall be received by and shall remain with the clerks of the peace, sheriff clerks, parish clerks, schoolmasters, town clerks, postmasters and other persons with whom the same shall be directed by such Standing Orders to be deposited, and they are hereby respectively directed to receive and to retain the custody of all such documents and writings so directed to be deposited with them respectively, in the manner and for the purposes and under the rules and regulations concerning the same respectively directed by such Standing Orders, and shall make such memorials and endorsements on and give such acknowledgments and receipts in respect of the same respectively as shall be thereby directed.

Clerks of the Peace, &c. to receive the Documents herein mentioned, and retain them for the purposes directed by the Standing Orders of the Houses of Parliament.

II. And be it further Enacted, That all persons interested shall have liberty to, and the said clerks of the peace, sheriff clerks, parish clerks, schoolmasters, town clerks and postmasters, and every of them, are and is hereby required, at all reasonable hours of the day, to permit all persons interested to inspect during a reasonable time and make extracts from or copies of the said maps, plans, sections, books, writings, extracts and copies of or from the same, so deposited with them respectively, on payment by each person to the clerk of the peace, sheriff clerk, clerk of the parish, schoolmaster, town clerk or postmaster having the custody of any such map, plan, section, book, writing, extract or copy, One Shilling for every such inspection, and the further sum of One Shilling for every hour during which such inspection shall continue after the first hour, and after the rate of Sixpence for every One hundred words copied therefrom.

Clerks of the Peace, &c. to permit such Documents to be inspected or copied by persons interested.

III. And be it further Enacted, That in case any clerk of the peace, sheriff clerk, parish clerk, schoolmaster, town clerk, postmaster or other person, shall in any matter or thing refuse or neglect to comply with any of the provisions hereinbefore contained, every clerk of the peace, sheriff clerk, parish clerk, schoolmaster, town clerk, postmaster or other person shall for every such offence forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding the sum of Five Pounds; and every such penalty shall, upon proof of the offence before any Justice of the Peace for the county within which such offence shall be committed, or by the confession of the party offending, or by the oath of any credible witness, be levied and recovered, together with the costs of the proceedings for the recovery thereof, by distress and sale of the goods and effects of the party offending, by warrant under the hand of such Justice, which warrant such Justice is hereby empowered to grant, and shall be paid to the person or persons making such complaint; and it shall be lawful for any such Justice of the Peace to whom any complaint shall be made of any offence committed against this Act to summon the party complained of before him, and on such summons to hear and determine the matter of such complaint in a summary way, and on proof of the offence to convict the offender, and to adjudge him to pay the penalty or forfeiture incurred, and to proceed to recover the same, although no information in writing or in print shall have been exhibited or taken by or before such Justice; and all such proceedings by summons without information shall be as good, valid and effectual to all intents and purposes as if an information in writing had been exhibited.

Clerks of the Peace, &c. for every omission to comply with the provisions of this Act, liable to the Penalty of 5 £, to be recovered in a summary way.



Appendix.

## APPENDIX (C.)

ANNO NONO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

## CAP. XX.

AN ACT to amend an Act of the Second Year of Her present Majesty, for providing for the Custody of certain Monies paid in pursuance of the Standing Orders of either House of Parliament by Subscribers to Works or Undertakings to be effected under the Authority of Parliament.

1 & 2 Vict.,  
c. 117.

Recited Act  
repealed.  
Monies  
already paid  
in to be dealt  
with as di-  
rected by  
former Act.

Authority to  
deposit.

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the second year of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen VICTORIA, intituled, "An Act to provide for the Custody of certain Monies paid in pursuance of the Standing Orders of either House of Parliament, by Subscribers to Works or Undertakings to be effected under the Authority of Parliament:" And whereas it is expedient that the said Act should be repealed and should be re-enacted, with such modifications, extensions and alterations as after mentioned: BE it therefore Enacted, by The QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, THAT the said Act shall be and is hereby repealed: Provided always, That all acts done under the provisions of the said Act shall be good, valid and effectual to all intents and purposes, and that all sums of money paid under the provisions of the said Act shall be dealt with in all respects as if this Act had not been passed.

II. And be it Enacted, That in all cases in which any sum of money is required by any Standing Order of either House of Parliament, either now in force or hereafter to be in force, to be deposited by the subscribers to any work or undertaking which is to be executed under the authority of an Act of Parliament, if the director or person or directors or persons having the management of the affairs of such work or undertaking, not exceeding Five in number, shall apply to one of the Clerks in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments with respect to any such money required by any Standing Order of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, or to one of the Clerks of the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons with respect to any such money required by any Standing Order of the Commons in Parliament assembled, to be deposited, it shall be lawful for the Clerk so applied to, by warrant or order under his hand, to direct that such sum of money shall be paid in manner hereinafter mentioned; (that is to say) into the Bank of England in the name and with the privity of the Accountant-general of the Court of Chancery in England, if the work or undertaking in respect of which the sum of money is required to be deposited is intended to be executed in that part of the United Kingdom called England; or into any of the Banks in Scotland established by Act of Parliament or Royal Charter in the name and with the privity of The Queen's Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer in Scotland, at the option of the person or persons making such application as aforesaid, in case such work or undertaking is intended to be executed in that part of the United Kingdom called Scotland; or into the Bank of Ireland in the name and with the privity of the Accountant-general of the Court of Chancery in Ireland, in case such work or undertaking is intended to be made or executed in that part of the United Kingdom called Ireland; and such warrant or order shall be a sufficient authority for the Accountant-general of the Court of Chancery in England, the Queen's Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer in Scotland, and the Accountant-general of the Court of Chancery in Ireland, respectively, to permit the sum of money directed to be paid by such warrant or order to be placed to an account opened or to be opened in his name in the bank mentioned in such warrant or order.

Payment of  
Deposit.

III. And be it Enacted, That it shall be lawful for the person or persons named in such warrant or order, or the survivors or survivor of them, to pay the sum mentioned in such warrant or order into the bank mentioned in such warrant or order in the name and with the privity of the officer or person in whose name such sum shall be directed to be paid by such warrant or order, to be placed to his account there ex-parte the work or undertaking mentioned in such warrant or order, pursuant to the method prescribed by any Act or Acts for the time being in force for regulating monies paid into the said Courts, and pursuant to the General Orders of the said Court respectively, and without fee or reward; and every such sum so paid in, or the securities in or upon which the same may be invested as hereinafter mentioned, or the stocks, funds or securities authorized to be transferred or deposited in lieu thereof as hereinafter mentioned, shall there remain until the same, with all interest and dividends (if any) accrued thereon, shall be paid out of such bank, in pursuance of the provisions of this Act: Provided always, That in case any such director or person, directors or persons, having the management of any such proposed work or undertaking as aforesaid, shall have previously invested in the Three per Centum Consolidated or the Three per Centum Reduced Bank Annuities, Exchequer Bills, or other Government Securities, the sum or sums of money required by any such Standing Order of either House of Parliament as aforesaid to be deposited by the subscribers to any work

or

or undertaking which is to be executed under the authority of an Act of Parliament, it shall be lawful for the person or persons named in such warrant or order, or the survivors or survivor of them, to deposit such Exchequer Bills or other Government securities in the bank mentioned in such warrant or order in the name and with the privity of the officer or person in whose name such sum shall by such warrant or order be directed to be paid, or to transfer such Government stocks or funds into the name of the officer or person; and such transfer or deposit shall be directed by such Clerk of the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, or such Clerk of the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, as the case may be, in lieu of payment of so much of the sum of money required to be deposited as aforesaid as the same Exchequer Bills, or other the Government stocks or funds, will extend to satisfy at the price at which the same were originally purchased by the said person or persons, director or directors, as aforesaid, such price to be proved by production of the broker's certificate of such original purchase.

Appendix.

IV. And be it Enacted, That if the person or persons named in such warrant or order, or the survivors or survivor of them, desire to have invested any sum so paid into the Bank of England or the Bank of Ireland, or any interest or dividend which may have accrued on any stocks or securities so transferred or deposited as aforesaid, the Court in the name of whose Accountant-general the same may have been paid may, on a Petition presented to such Court, in a summary way by him or them, order that such sum or such interest or dividends shall, until the same be paid out to the parties entitled to the same in pursuance of this Act, be laid out in the Three per Centum Consolidated or Three per Centum Reduced Bank Annuities, or any Government security or securities, at the option of the aforesaid person or persons, or the survivor or survivors of them.

Investment of  
Deposit.

V. And be it Enacted, That on the termination of the Session of Parliament in which the Petition or Bill for the purpose of making or sanctioning any such work or undertaking shall have been introduced into Parliament, or if such Petition or Bill shall be rejected or finally withdrawn by some proceeding in either House of Parliament, or shall not be allowed to proceed, or if the person or persons by whom the said money was paid or security deposited, shall have failed to present a Petition, or if an Act be passed authorizing the making of such work or undertaking, and if in any of the foregoing cases the person or persons named in such warrant or order, or the survivors or survivor of them, or the majority of such persons, apply by Petition to the Court in the name of whose Accountant-general the sum of money mentioned in such warrant or order shall have been paid, or such Exchequer Bills, stocks, or funds shall have been deposited or transferred as aforesaid, or to the Court of Exchequer in Scotland, in case such sum of money shall have been paid in the name of the said Queen's Remembrancer, the Court in the name of whose Accountant-general or Queen's Remembrancer such sum of money shall have been paid, or such Exchequer Bills, stocks or funds shall have been deposited or transferred, shall by order direct the sum of money paid in pursuance of such warrant or order, or the stocks, funds or securities in or upon which the same may have been invested, and the interest or dividends thereof, or the Exchequer Bills, stocks or funds so deposited or transferred as aforesaid, and the interest and dividends thereof, to be paid or transferred to the party or parties so applying, or to any other person or persons whom they may appoint in that behalf; but no such order shall be made in the case of any such Petition or Bill being rejected or not being allowed to proceed, or being withdrawn or not being presented, or of an Act being passed authorizing the making of such work or undertaking, unless upon the production of the certificate of the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords with reference to any proceeding in the House of Lords, or of the Speaker of the House of Commons, with reference to any proceeding in the House of Commons, that the said Petition or Bill was rejected or not allowed to proceed, or was withdrawn during its passage through one of the Houses of Parliament, or was not presented, or that such Act was passed, which certificate the said Chairman or Speaker shall grant on the application in writing of the person or persons, or the majority of the persons, named in such warrant, or the survivor or survivors of them: Provided always, That the granting of any such certificate, or any mistake or error therein or in relation thereto, shall not make the Chairman or Speaker signing the same liable in respect of any monies, stocks, funds and securities which may be paid, deposited, invested or transferred in pursuance of the provisions of this Act, or the interest or dividends thereof.

Repayment  
of Deposit.Granting  
Certificate,  
&c. not to  
make the  
Chairman or  
Speaker  
signing the  
same liable.





## STANDING ORDERS relative to PUBLIC MATTERS.

## BILLS respecting RELIGION.

[30 April 1772.]

THAT no Bill relating to Religion, or the alteration of the Laws concerning Religion, be brought into this House, until the Proposition shall have been first considered in a Committee of the whole House, and agreed unto by The House.

## BILLS respecting TRADE.

[9 April 1772.]

THAT no Bill relating to Trade, or the alteration of the Laws concerning Trade, be brought into The House, until the Proposition shall have been first considered in a Committee of the whole House, and agreed unto by The House.

## APPLICATIONS for PUBLIC MONEY.

[20 March 1866.]

THAT this House will receive no Petition for any Sum relating to Public Service, or proceed upon any Motion for a Grant or Charge upon the Public Revenue, whether payable out of the Consolidated Fund or out of Monies to be provided by Parliament, unless recommended from The Crown.

[29 March 1707.]

THAT this House will not proceed upon any Petition, Motion or Bill, for granting any Money, or for releasing or compounding any Sum of Money owing to The Crown, but in a Committee of the whole House.

[20 March 1866.]

THAT if any Motion be made in The House for any Aid, Grant, or Charge upon the Public Revenue, whether payable out of the Consolidated Fund or out of Monies to be provided by Parliament, or for any Charge upon the People, the consideration and debate thereof shall not be presently entered upon, but shall be adjourned till such further day as The House shall think fit to appoint, and then it shall be referred to a Committee of the whole House before any Resolution or Vote of The House do pass therein.

[25 March 1715.]

THAT this House will not receive any Petition for compounding any Sum of Money owing to The Crown, upon any branch of the Revenue, without a Certificate from the proper Officer or Officers annexed to the said Petition, stating the Debt, what Prosecutions have been made for the Recovery of such Debt, and setting forth how much the Petitioner and his Security are able to satisfy thereof.

[22 February 1821.]

THAT this House will not proceed upon any Motion for an Address to The Crown, praying that any money may be issued, or that any expense may be incurred, but in a Committee of the whole House.

*Revenues of India.*

[21 July 1856.]

THAT this House will not receive any Petition, or proceed upon any Motion for a Charge upon the Revenues of India, but what is recommended by the Crown.

## PECUNIARY PENALTIES.

[24 July 1849.]

THAT with respect to any Bill brought to this House from the House of Lords, or returned by the House of Lords to this House, with Amendments, whereby any pecuniary penalty, forfeiture or fee shall be authorized, imposed, appropriated, regulated, varied, or extinguished, this House will not insist on its ancient and undoubted privileges in the following cases :

1. When the object of such pecuniary penalty or forfeiture is to secure the execution of the Act, or the punishment or prevention of offences.

2. Where such fees are imposed in respect of benefit taken or service rendered under the Act, and in order to the execution of the Act, and are not made payable into the Treasury or Exchequer, or in aid of the Public Revenue, and do not form the ground of public accounting by the parties receiving the same, either in respect of deficit or surplus.

3. When such Bill shall be a Private Bill for a Local or Personal Act.

## TEMPORARY LAWS.

[24 July 1849.]

THAT the precise duration of every Temporary Law be expressed in a distinct Clause at the end of the Bill.

## PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC PETITIONS.

[14 April 1842 and 5 August 1853.]

THAT every Member offering to present a Petition to The House, not being a Petition for a Private Bill, or relating to a Private Bill before The House, do confine himself to a statement of the Parties from whom it comes, of the number of signatures attached to it, and of the material allegations contained in it, and to the reading of the prayer of such Petition.

THAT every such Petition not containing matter in breach of the Privileges of this House, and which, according to the Rules or usual Practice of this House, can be received, be brought to the Table by the direction of The Speaker, who shall not allow any Debate, or any Member to speak upon, or in relation to, such Petition ; but it may be read by the Clerk at the Table, if required.

THAT, in the case of such Petition complaining of some present personal grievance, for which there may be an urgent necessity for providing an immediate remedy, the matter contained in such Petition may be brought into discussion on the presentation thereof.

THAT all other such Petitions, after they shall have been ordered to lie on the Table, be referred to the Committee on Public Petitions, without any Question being put ; but if any such Petition relate to any matter or subject, with respect to which the Member presenting it has given Notice of a Motion, and the said Petition has not been ordered to be printed by the Committee, such Member may, after Notice given, move that such Petition be printed with the Votes.

THAT, subject to the above regulations, Petitions against any Resolution or Bill imposing a Tax or Duty for the current service of the year, be henceforth received, and the usage under which The House has refused to entertain such Petitions be discontinued.

## MEMBERS' PLACES.

[6 April 1835.]

THAT no Member's name be affixed to any seat in the House before the hour of Prayers; and that the Speaker do give directions to the doorkeepers accordingly.

[29 April 1858.]

THAT any Member having secured a seat at Prayers shall be entitled to retain the same until the rising of The House.

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STRANGERS.

[5 February 1845.]

THAT the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House do, from time to time, take into his custody any Stranger whom he may see, or who may be reported to him to be, in any part of the House or Gallery appropriated to the Members of this House, and also any Stranger who, having been admitted into any other part of the House or Gallery, shall misconduct himself, or shall not withdraw when Strangers are directed to withdraw, while The House, or any Committee of the whole House, is sitting; and that no person so taken into custody be discharged out of custody without the special order of The House.

THAT no Member of this House do presume to bring any Stranger into any part of the House or Gallery appropriated to the Members of this House, while The House, or a Committee of the whole House, is sitting.

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PRAYERS.

[25 June 1852 and 21 July 1856.]

THAT the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House do, from time to time, when The House is going to Prayers, give Notice thereof to all Committees; and that all proceedings of Committees, after such Notice, be declared to be null and void, unless such Committees be otherwise empowered to sit after Prayers.

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LETTERS.

[25 June 1852.]

THAT, to prevent the intercepting or losing of Letters directed to Members of this House, the person appointed to bring Letters from the General Post Office to this House, or some other person to be appointed by the Postmaster-General, do for the future, every day during the Session of Parliament, Sundays excepted, constantly attend, from Ten of the clock in the morning till Seven in the afternoon, at the place appointed for the delivery of the said Letters, and take care, during his stay there, to deliver the same to the several Members to whom they shall be directed, or to their known servant or servants, or other persons bringing notes under the hands of the Members sending for the same.

THAT the said Officer do, upon his going away, lock up such Letters as shall remain undelivered; and that no Letter be delivered but within the hours aforesaid.

THAT the said Orders be sent to the Postmaster-General at the commencement of each Session.

THAT, when any Letter or Packet directed to this House shall come to Mr. Speaker, he do open the same; and acquaint the House, at their next sitting, with the contents thereof, if proper to be communicated to this House.



## PUBLIC BUSINESS.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY.

[3 May 1861.]

THAT, unless The House shall otherwise direct, all Orders of the Day set down in the Order Book for Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, shall be disposed of before The House will proceed upon any Motions of which Notices shall have been given, the right being reserved to Her Majesty's Ministers of placing Government Orders at the head of the list on every Order Day, except Wednesday.

[5 August 1853.]

THAT at the time fixed for the commencement of Public Business, on days on which Orders have precedence of Notices of Motions, and after the Notices of Motions have been disposed of on all other days, Mr. Speaker do direct the Clerk at the Table to read the Orders of the Day, without any Question being put.

THAT the Orders of the Day be disposed of in the order in which they stand upon the Paper; the right being reserved to Her Majesty's Ministers of placing Government Orders at the head of the List, in the rotation in which they are to be taken on the days on which Government Bills have precedence.

THAT all Dropped Orders of the Day be set down in the Order Book after the Orders of the Day for the next day on which the House shall sit.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

[5 August 1853.]

THAT no Notice shall be given beyond the period which shall include the Four Days next following on which Notices are entitled to precedence; due allowance being made for any intervening adjournment of The House, and the period being in that case so far extended as to include Four Notice Days falling during the sitting of The House.

## WEDNESDAY SITTINGS.

[5 August 1853.]

THAT The House do meet every Wednesday, at Twelve o'clock at noon, for Private Business, Petitions, Orders of the Day, and Notices of Motions, and do continue to sit until Six o'clock, unless previously adjourned.

THAT when such business has been disposed of, or at Six o'clock precisely, notwithstanding there may be business under discussion, Mr. Speaker do adjourn The House, without putting any Question.

THAT the business under discussion, and any business not disposed of at the time of such Adjournment, do stand as Orders of the Day for the next day on which The House shall sit.

[19 July 1854.]

THAT at a quarter before Six o'clock on Wednesday, the Debate on any business then under discussion shall stand adjourned to the next day on which The House shall sit; after which no opposed business shall be proceeded with.

[5 August 1853.]

THAT whenever The House shall be in Committee on Wednesday at a quarter before Six o'clock, the Chairman do report Progress, and Mr. Speaker do resume the Chair.

## MORNING SITTINGS.

[19 July 1854.]

THAT whenever The House shall meet, for despatch of business, before Two o'clock, except Wednesday and Saturday, unless The House shall otherwise order, The House will resume its sitting at Six o'clock; and when business has not been disposed of at Ten minutes before

before Four o'clock, unless The House shall otherwise order, Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Debate on any business then under discussion, or the Chairman shall report Progress, as the case may be, and no opposed business shall then be proceeded with.

THAT when such business has not been disposed of at Four o'clock, unless The House shall otherwise order, Mr. Speaker (or the Chairman, in case The House shall be in Committee) do leave the Chair, and The House will resume its sitting at Six o'clock, when the Orders of the Day not disposed of at the morning sitting, and any Motion which was under discussion at Ten minutes to Four o'clock, shall be set down in the Order Book after the other Orders of the Day.

[5 August 1853.]

THAT whenever The House shall be in Committee at Four o'clock, the Chairman do report Progress when The House resumes its sitting.

#### QUESTIONS DECIDED WITHOUT AMENDMENT OR DEBATE.

[5 August 1853.]

THAT when any Bill shall be presented by a Member, in pursuance of an Order of this House, or shall be brought from the Lords, the Questions "That this Bill be now read a first time," and "That this Bill be printed," shall be decided without Amendment or Debate.

#### SUPPLY AND WAYS AND MEANS.

[3 May 1861.]

THAT the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means shall be fixed for Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and may also be appointed for any other day on which the House shall meet for despatch of business.

THAT, while the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means are open, the House, when it meets on Friday, shall, at its rising, stand adjourned until the following Monday, without any Question being put, unless The House shall otherwise resolve.

THAT, while the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means are open, the first Order of the Day on Friday shall be either Supply or Ways and Means, and that on that Order being read, the Question shall be proposed, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair."

#### BILLS, &c. IN PROGRESS.

[5 August 1853.]

THAT when a Bill or other matter (except Supply, or Ways and Means) has been partly considered in Committee, and the Chairman has been directed to report Progress, and ask leave to sit again, and The House shall have ordered that the Committee shall sit again on a particular day, The Speaker shall, when the order for the Committee has been read, forthwith leave the Chair, without putting any question, and The House shall thereupon resolve itself into such Committee.

#### BILLS REPORTED.

[5 August 1853.]

THAT at the close of the Proceedings of a Committee of the whole House on a Bill, the Chairman shall report the Bill forthwith to The House, and when Amendments shall have been made thereto, the same shall be received, without debate, and a time appointed for taking the same into consideration.

#### AMENDMENTS ON THIRD READING.

[21 July 1856.]

THAT no Amendments, not being merely verbal, shall be made to any Bill on the Third Reading.

## AMENDMENTS IN COMMITTEE.

[19 July 1854.]

THAT it be an Instruction to all Committees of the whole House to which Bills may be committed, that they have power to make such Amendments therein as they shall think fit, provided they be relevant to the subject-matter of the Bill; but that if any such Amendments shall not be within the Title of the Bill, they do amend the Title accordingly, and do report the same specially to The House.

## QUESTIONS IN COMMITTEE DISCONTINUED.

THAT the Questions for reading a Bill a First and Second Time in a Committee of the whole House be discontinued.

## BLANKS.

[19 July 1854.]

THAT in going through a Bill no Questions shall be put for the filling up words already printed in *italics*, and commonly called blanks, unless exception be taken thereto; and if no alterations have been made in the words so printed in *italics*, the Bill shall be reported without Amendments, unless other Amendments have been made thereto.

## CLAUSES.

THAT on a Clause being offered in the Committee on the Bill, or on the consideration of Report of a Bill, Mr. Speaker or the Chairman do desire the Member to bring up the same, whereupon it shall be read a First Time without Question put, but no Clause shall be offered on consideration of Report without notice.

## LORDS' AMENDMENTS.

THAT Lords' Amendments to Public Bills shall be appointed to be considered on a future day, unless The House shall order them to be considered forthwith.

## REPORTS.

THAT every Report from a Committee of the whole House be brought up without any Question being put.

## BILLS REFERRED TOGETHER TO A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE.

[19 July 1854 and 21 July 1856.]

THAT Bills which may be fixed for consideration in Committee on the same day, whether in Progress or otherwise, may be referred together to a Committee of the whole House, which may consider on the same day all the Bills so referred to it, without the Chairman leaving the Chair on each separate Bill; provided that, with respect to any Bill not in Progress, if any Member shall object to its consideration in Committee, together with other Bills, the Order of the day for the Committee on such Bill shall be postponed.

## OFFICE OF SPEAKER.

[20 July 1855.]

THAT whenever The House shall be informed by the Clerk at the Table of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means do perform the duties and exercise the authority of Speaker in relation to all proceedings of this House, as Deputy Speaker, until the next meeting of The House, and so on from day to day, on the like information being given to The House, until The House shall otherwise order; provided that if The House shall adjourn  
for



for more than twenty-four hours, the Deputy Speaker shall continue to perform the duties and exercise the authority of Speaker for twenty-four hours only after such adjournment.

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STRANGERS AND DIVISIONS.

[19 July 1854.]

THAT, except when Mr. Speaker or the Chairman of a Committee of the whole House shall otherwise direct, his order for the withdrawal of Strangers during a Division, shall be understood to apply to Strangers occupying seats below the Bar and in the Front Gallery, and shall be enforced by the Serjeant-at-Arms accordingly.

THAT so soon as the voices have been taken, the clerk shall turn a two-minute sand-glass, to be kept on the table for that purpose, and the doors shall not be closed until after the lapse of two minutes, as indicated by such sand-glass.

THAT the doors shall be closed so soon after the lapse of two minutes as the Speaker or the Chairman of the Committee of the whole House shall think proper to direct.

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SELECT COMMITTEES.

[21 July 1856.]

THAT on Wednesdays and other Morning Sitzings of The House, all Committees shall have leave to sit, except while The House is at Prayers, during the sitting, and notwithstanding any adjournment of The House.

[25 June 1852.]

THAT no Select Committee shall, without leave of The House, consist of more than Fifteen Members; that such leave shall not be moved for without Notice; and that in the case of Members proposed to be added or substituted after the first appointment of the Committee, the Notice shall include the Names of the Members proposed to be added or substituted.

THAT every Member intending to move for the appointment of a Select Committee, do endeavour to ascertain previously whether each Member proposed to be named by him, on such Committee, will give his attendance thereupon.

THAT every Member intending to move for the appointment of a Select Committee, shall, One day next before the nomination of such Committee, place on the Notices the Names of the Members intended to be proposed by him, to be Members of such Committee.

THAT lists be affixed in some conspicuous place in the Committee Office, and in the Lobby of the House, of all Members serving on each Select Committee.

THAT to every Question asked of a Witness under examination, in the Proceedings of any Select Committee, there be prefixed in the Minutes of the Evidence the Name of the Member asking such Question.

THAT the Names of the Members present each day on the sitting of any Select Committee be entered on the Minutes of Evidence, or on the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee (as the case may be), and reported to The House on the Report of such Committee.

THAT in the event of any Division taking place in any Select Committee, the Question proposed, the Name of the Proposer, and the respective Votes thereupon of each Member present, be entered on the

Minutes of Evidence, or on the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee (as the case may be), and reported to The House on the Report of such Committee.

THAT if, at any time during the sitting of a Select Committee of this House, the Quorum of Members fixed by The House shall not be present, the Clerk of the Committee shall call the attention of the Chairman to the fact, who shall thereupon suspend the Proceedings of the Committee until a Quorum be present, or adjourn the Committee to some future day.

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#### OATHS OF MEMBERS.

[30 April 1866.]

THAT Members may take and subscribe the Oath required by Law, at any time during the Sitting of The House, before the Orders of the Day and Notices of Motions have been entered upon, or after they have been disposed of; but no debate or business shall be interrupted for that purpose.

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#### PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

[3 April 1862.]

THAT there shall be a Standing Committee, to be designated "The Committee of Public Accounts," for the examination of the Accounts showing the appropriation of the sums granted by Parliament to meet the Public Expenditure, to consist of Nine Members, who shall be nominated at the commencement of every Session, and of whom Five shall be a Quorum.

*Denis Le Marchant*

*A. Ho. Com.*

## A TABLE of the FEES to be charged at The HOUSE of COMMONS.

## FEES to be paid by the PROMOTERS of a PRIVATE BILL.

|                                                                                                           |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| On the deposit of the Petition, Bill, Plan, or any other Document in the Private Bill Office - - - - -    | £. s. d. |
| For every day on which the Examiners shall inquire into the compliance with the Standing Orders - - - - - | 5 - -    |
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The preceding Fees on the Petition, First, Second and Third Readings, and Report, to be increased according to the money to be raised or expended under the authority of any Bill for the execution of a Work, in conformity with the following Scale :—

If the sum be 100,000*l.* and under 500,000*l.*, twice the amount of such Fees.

If the sum be 500,000*l.* and under 1,000,000*l.*, three times the amount of such Fees.

If the sum be 1,000,000*l.* and above, four times the amount of such Fees.

## For PROCEEDINGS before any COMMITTEE or the REFEREES.

|                                                                  |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| For every day on which the Committee or the Referees shall sit,— | £. s. d. |
| If the Promoters of the Bill appear by Counsel - - - - -         | 10 - -   |
| If they appear without Counsel - - - - -                         | 5 - -    |

## FEES to be paid by the OPPONENTS of a PRIVATE BILL.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| On the deposit of every Memorial complaining that the Standing Orders have not been complied with - - - - - | £. s. d. |
| On the presentation or deposit of every Petition against a-Private Bill - - - - -                           | 1 - -    |
|                                                                                                             | 2 - -    |



For PROCEEDINGS before the EXAMINERS, or before any COMMITTEE,  
or the REFEREES.

|                                                                                                                                         | £. | s. | d. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|
| For every day on which the Examiners shall inquire into any Memorial complaining of a non-compliance with the Standing Orders - - - - - | 3  | -  | -  |
| For every day on which the Petitioners appear before any Committee or the Referees - - - - -                                            | 2  | -  | -  |

GENERAL FEES.

|                                                                                                                      | £. | s. | d. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|
| On every Motion, Order or Proceeding in the House upon a Private Bill, Petition, or matter not otherwise charged - - | 1  | -  | -  |
| For Copies of all Papers and Documents, at the rate of 72 words in every folio,—                                     |    |    |    |
| If five folios or under - - - - -                                                                                    | -  | 2  | 6  |
| If above five folios, per folio - - - - -                                                                            | -  | -  | 6  |
| For the Copy of a Plan made by the parties - - - - -                                                                 | 1  | -  | -  |
| For the inspection of a Plan, or of any document - - - - -                                                           | -  | 5  | -  |
| For every Plan or Document certified by The Speaker pursuant to any Act of Parliament - - - - -                      | 10 | -  | -  |
| For every day on which any parties shall be heard by Counsel at the Bar, from each side - - - - -                    | 10 | -  | -  |
| For every day on which a Committee of the whole House shall sit on a Private Bill or matter - - - - -                | 6  | -  | -  |
| For serving any Summons or Order on a Private Bill or matter -                                                       | 1  | -  | -  |
| For Riding Charges, if on any Private Bill or matter, per mile -                                                     | -  | 1  | -  |
| For every Order for the commitment or discharge of any person -                                                      | 1  | -  | -  |
| For taking any person into custody for a Breach of Privilege or Contempt - - - - -                                   | 5  | -  | -  |
| For taking any person into custody for any other cause - - -                                                         | 2  | -  | -  |
| For every day on which any person shall be in custody - - -                                                          | 1  | -  | -  |
| For Riding Charges, per mile - - - - -                                                                               | -  | -  | 6  |

FEES to be paid on the TAXATION of COSTS on PRIVATE BILLS.

|                                                                                                                           | £. | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|
| For every application or reference to "The Taxing Officer of the House of Commons," for the Taxation of a Bill of Costs - | 1  | -  | -  |
| For every £.100 of any Bill which shall be allowed by the Taxing Officer - - - - -                                        | 1  | -  | -  |
| On the deposit of every Memorial complaining of a Report of the Taxing Officer - - - - -                                  | 1  | -  | -  |
| For every Certificate which shall be signed by The Speaker -                                                              | 1  | -  | -  |
| For Copies of any Documents in the office of the Taxing Officer, per folio of seventy-two words - - - - -                 | -  | 1  | -  |

That the same Fees be paid in case The Speaker shall refer to the Taxing Officer any Bill of Costs, under the authority of an Act of the sixth year of his late Majesty King George the Fourth, "To establish a Taxation of Costs on Private Bills in the House of Commons."

That every Bill for the particular interest or benefit of any person or persons, whether the same be brought in upon Petition, or Motion, or Report from a Committee, or brought from the Lords, hath been and ought to be deemed a Private Bill within the meaning of the Table of Fees.

| FEES to be taken by the SHORT HAND WRITER.             |   |   |   |   |   | £. | s. | d. |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| For every day he shall attend                          | - | - | - | - | - | 2  | 2  | -  |
| For the transcript of his notes, per folio of 72 words | - | - | - | - | - | -  | -  | 9  |

The preceding Fees shall be charged, paid and received at such times, in such manner, and under such regulations, as The Speaker shall from time to time direct.

*I am Edwin Dennis*  
*Speaker*

*Mercurii, 27<sup>o</sup> die Julii, 1864.*

*Ordered, That the said Table of Fees be a Standing Order of this House.*

*Denis Le Marchant*  
*A. Ho. Com.*





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# BIRKENHEAD.

## I.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

THE Borough of Birkenhead was constituted in 1861, and its Parliamentary limits are thus described in the Act 24 & 25 Vict. c. 112, s. 9: “The extra-parochial Chapelry of Birkenhead, the several Townships of Claughton, Tranmere, and Oxtou, and so much of the Township of Higher Bebbington as lies to the eastward of the road leading from Higher Tranmere to Lower Bebbington.”

Birkenhead.

The population in 1861 was 51,649, showing an increase of 47,454 since 1831.

The number of inhabited houses in 1861 was 7,189.

The number of the electors on the register of 1865-6 was—

|                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |       |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| £. 10 Occupiers | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4,563 |
| Double entries  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | —     |
| Actual number   | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4,563 |

The total number of male occupations in 1866 was 8,870, of which 2,041 were below 10 l.

The borough is bounded on the north by Wallasey Pool. Both sides of the pool are occupied by docks which have lately been constructed, and which are perhaps the most important feature of the locality. The northern side, which is in the Township of Poulton-cum-Seacombe, is occupied by a considerable and increasing population, the greater part of which is connected by interest and occupation with the docks. These people occupy the angle bounded on one side by the Mersey, and on the other by Wallasey Pool, and their numbers are likely to increase.

With respect to the existing Borough of Birkenhead, we have been furnished with the following statistics:—

|                                 | Population. |        | Inhabited Houses. |        | Area.  | Registered Voters. |         | Population per Acre. |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------------------|---------|----------------------|
|                                 | 1861.       | 1867.  | 1861.             | 1867.  | Acres. | 1865-6.            | 1866-7. | 1867.                |
| Birkenhead - -                  | 36,212      | 53,445 | 4,669             | 6,941  | 1,016  | 2,941              | 3,096   | 36·8                 |
| Claughton - -                   | 1,584       |        | 216               |        | 436    | 171                | 187     |                      |
| Oxtou - - -                     | 2,670       | 3,350  | 452               | 560    | 802    | 236                | 238     | 4·1                  |
| Tranmere - -                    | 9,918       | 14,000 | 1,659             | 2,508  | 1,174  | 1,077              | 1,232   | 11·9                 |
| Higher Bebbington (part of) - - | 1,265       | 1,820  | 193               | 290    | 240    | 138                | 134     | 7·6                  |
|                                 | 51,649      | 72,615 | 7,189             | 10,299 | 3,668  | 4,563              | 4,887   |                      |

Birkenhead.

With respect to the out-townships,—

|                      | Population<br>1867. | Number of Inhabited<br>Houses. |                       | Acreage. | Population<br>per Acre. | Rateable<br>Value. |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|-------------------------|--------------------|
|                      |                     | Under £. 12.                   | £. 12<br>and upwards. |          |                         |                    |
| Poulton-cum-Seacombe | 4,200               | 272                            | 497                   | 669      | 6.3                     | £.<br>21,384       |
| Liscard - - -        | 6,820               | 274                            | 888                   | 896      | 7.6                     | 32,552             |
| Wallasey - - -       | 1,600               | 147                            | 90                    | 1,780    | 0.9                     | 6,103              |

It is to be observed that, the three townships of Seacombe, Liscard, and Wallasey are all under the management of one local Board, and it was proposed to include within the borough the whole of them. But we observed upon inspection that Wallasey is chiefly agricultural, and that the inhabitants of Liscard have no special connection with Birkenhead. Those of Seacombe, however, occupy a different position, and, as it seems to us, should form part of Birkenhead for Parliamentary purposes.

Some doubts appear to have arisen as to the precise boundary of the borough on the east toward the river. Doubts have also arisen as to the western boundary of the Borough of Liverpool. In order to avoid such ambiguities for the future, it might be convenient to enact that the boundary of Liverpool on the west should be the middle of the river, and that the boundary of Birkenhead on the east should coincide with that of Liverpool.

The boundary may be thus described,—

The Parliamentary Borough of Birkenhead, and the township of Poulton-cum-Seacombe, and the space included between the eastern boundaries of the said borough and township, and the boundary of the Parliamentary Borough of Liverpool.

*P. Cumin.*

*C. G. Gordon.*

## 2.—PETITIONS.

PETITION of the Resident Ratepayers of the Township of *Poulton-cum-Seacombe*.

The humble Petition of the Resident Ratepayers of the Township of Poulton-cum-Seacombe, in the Parish of Wallasey, in the County of Chester,

Showeth,

THAT in the opinion of your Petitioners the annexation of the said township to the Parliamentary Borough of Birkenhead would be a great benefit to the said township, and we, your humble Petitioners, pray your honourable House to carry out the annexation as recommended by your Commissioners.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

216 Signatures.

PETITION of the Landowners, Ratepayers, and Householders of *Poulton-cum-Seacombe*.

The humble Petition of the Landowners, Ratepayers, and Householders of Poulton-cum-Seacombe, in the County of Chester,

Showeth,

That your Petitioners have heard with apprehension and alarm that the Boundary Commissioners have recommended to your Honourable House that the township of Poulton-cum-Seacombe shall be annexed to and form part of the borough of Birkenhead for Parliamentary purposes.

That your Petitioners respectfully submit to your Honourable House that they object to such annexation for the following, amongst other reasons, viz., your Petitioners are separated from the said borough by the large intervening docks belonging to the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board constructed in Wallasey Pool, and have therefore no community of residence with the inhabitants of Birkenhead; few, if any, of the inhabitants of Seacombe have any interest or occupation in Birkenhead, but are engaged either in the shipbuilding yards and other works at Seacombe proper, or in Liverpool, and that your Petitioners are under the special jurisdiction of the Wallasey Local Board, who, besides being a Board of Health, are the owners of large gas and waterworks, and of three ferries on the Mersey, with their piers, jetties, and steamboats, in the acquisition of which large sums of money have been spent, and are now in course of repayment by your Petitioners and



and the other inhabitants of the district; and the interests of your Petitioners and those of the inhabitants of Birkenhead, especially in the settlement of local questions, both before Parliamentary Committees and elsewhere, have frequently been, and are likely for the future frequently to be, adverse and conflicting.

Your Petitioners also beg to submit that not only your Petitioners, but the inhabitants of the district of Wallasey generally, are opposed to such annexation; and that at the time when the Boundary Commissioners were sitting at Birkenhead in order to prepare their Report, a meeting of ratepayers of the district of Wallasey was publicly called on Tuesday, the 22nd day of October 1867, for the purpose of considering the question of the proposed extension of the Parliamentary boundary of Birkenhead, so far as the Wallasey district was concerned, when the following resolution was unanimously agreed to, viz. :—  
“That this meeting having considered the subject of the Birkenhead Borough Boundary, is of opinion that it will be injurious to the interests of the district of Wallasey, and not be attended with any countervailing advantage, if either the whole or any part of the district were to be comprehended or included within the boundary of the said boundary, and that they will offer all the opposition in their power to any such scheme of inclusion.”

That Seacombe is likely to become the terminus of a railway system entirely distinct from the system of railways connected with Birkenhead.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that they may not be included within the borough of Birkenhead, but that they may have the advantage of independency of action, and continue to be represented in Parliament as part of the county constituency.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

102 Signatures.

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PETITION of the *Wallasey* Local Board.

The humble Petition of the Wallasey Local Board, incorporated by “The Wallasey Improvement Act, 1861,”

Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners are a Local Board of Health for the district of Wallasey, in the county of Chester, and such district is situate on the north side of the large docks at Birkenhead, in the said county, belonging to the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, and extends from such north side along the shore of the River Mersey up to the Irish Sea.

That your Petitioners understand that the Boundary Commissioners have recommended to your Honourable House that the township of Poulton-cum-Seacombe, forming part of the district of your Petitioners, should also form part of the borough of Birkenhead for Parliamentary purposes.

That your Petitioners have heard that such report of the Commissioners is founded on the statements following, namely, that the borough of Birkenhead is bounded on the north by Wallasey Pool, on both sides of which docks have lately been constructed. That the township of Poulton-cum-Seacombe is on the northern side of the Pool, and contains a considerable and increasing population. That the greatest part of such population is connected by interest and occupation with the said docks.

That your Petitioners beg to represent to your Honourable House that such statements are calculated to convey misconception.

That the truth is that both Poulton and Birkenhead are bounded by the large intervening docks, and that such docks belong, not to Birkenhead, but to the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, to whom belong also the whole dock estate on both sides of the River Mersey.

That though the township of Poulton-cum-Seacombe, or rather Seacombe itself, the most populous part of the township, is interested in the dock estate and its prosperity, the inhabitants have no interest whatever at present in Birkenhead.

That the inhabitants of Poulton-cum-Seacombe, who are not occupied with the different works and shipbuilding yards (which are at Seacombe proper), and other undertakings on the north side of the said dock, carry on their business and employment not at Birkenhead but in Liverpool, and that the interests of Birkenhead, and of your Petitioners, and the inhabitants of Poulton-cum-Seacombe, have frequently been and are likely for the present to be, if not adverse, at any rate clashing.

That your Petitioners, as such Local Board as aforesaid, are owners of three important ferries between their district and Liverpool, for which, and the boats employed by them, and on the security of which they have paid and borrowed large sums of money, amounting to upwards of 165,000 *l.*, and they are also proprietors of gas and waterworks, on which they have also expended considerable sums of money.

That your Petitioners and the Birkenhead Commissioners have been frequently opposed in Parliament, on account of their diverse interests connected with their respective ferries of Woodside and Seacombe.

That there is a system of railways connected with Birkenhead and its ferries, and that there are other railway schemes in existence as regards the northern side of the docks and the said township of Poulton-cum-Seacombe.

Birkenhead.

Your Petitioners therefore submit that it will be to their advantage that they should have the benefit of independent action, and be represented in Parliament as part of the county constituency, rather than form part of the borough of Birkenhead for Parliamentary purposes.

Passed under the common seal of the Wallasey Local Board, in the presence of

*H. A. Ewer*, Clerk to the said Board.

PETITION of Ratepayers and Inhabitants of the Townships of *Tranmere, Oxtun, Claughton*, and other Townships in the Borough of *Birkenhead*.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of Ratepayers and Inhabitants of the Townships of *Tranmere, Oxtun, Claughton*, and other Townships, in the Borough of *Birkenhead*,

Showeth,

THAT the present area of the borough of Birkenhead is about three miles in length, and about two miles in breadth; the population of which has increased from the time of the passing of the Reform Bill in 1832, from about 4,000 to upwards of 70,000, and is still largely increasing.

That your Petitioners understand that the Boundary Commissioners have recommended to your Honourable House that the township of Poulton-cum-Seacombe should be included within the boundary of the borough of Birkenhead.

That your Petitioners beg to represent that the township of Poulton-cum-Seacombe has no identity or connection with Birkenhead, from which it is completely separated by the estate of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, and is governed by a Local Board, whose interests are connected with other townships still further removed from and opposed to the interests of Birkenhead.

That your Petitioners agree with the inhabitants of Poulton-cum-Seacombe as assembled in public meeting, and also with the Wallasey Local Board, who are opposed to being included in the borough of Birkenhead, and have petitioned your Honourable House to remain as part of the county constituency, with the benefit of independent action.

That as the townships have no community or connection with each other, their local interests being entirely separate and distinct, if not antagonistic, your Petitioners humbly pray that the township of Poulton-cum-Seacombe may not be included in the borough of Birkenhead, and that the boundary of the borough may remain as at present defined.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

112 Signatures.

PETITION of Ratepayers and Householdors in the Borough of *Birkenhead*.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of Ratepayers and Householdors in the Borough of *Birkenhead*,

Showeth,

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That your Petitioners beg to represent, that the township of Poulton-cum-Seacombe has no identity or connection with Birkenhead, from which it is completely separated by the estate of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, and is governed by a Local Board whose interests are connected with other townships still further removed from and opposed to the interests of Birkenhead.

That your Petitioners agree with the inhabitants of Poulton-cum-Seacombe, as assembled in public meeting, and also with the Wallasey Local Board, who are opposed to being included in the borough of Birkenhead, and have petitioned your Honourable House to remain as part of the county constituency, with the benefit of independent action.

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And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

118 Signatures.



## 3.—MEMORIALS.

Birkenhead.

Parish of *Wallasey*.

Gentlemen,

25 October 1867.

WE, the ratepayers of the parish of Wallasey, forward our humble Petition against the decision of the meeting of ratepayers called at an hour impossible for us to attend, wish to become voters with the Borough of Birkenhead; hoping you will take into consideration that the meeting was against the majority of ratepayers. Any further particulars required can be had from Dr. Miller, Brighton-street, Seacombe.

Yours most respectfully,  
Dr. Miller.

MEMORIAL to the Boundary Commissioners under the Reform Act of 1867.

WE, the undersigned ratepayers of the parish of Wallasey, beg to enter our protest against the decision of the meeting called by the Chairman of the Local Board of this parish, the said meeting being called at a time when it was utterly impossible for the ratepayers to attend, viz., 12 o'clock at noon. At no period of the meeting did the numbers exceed 40, and those chiefly consisting of the members of the Local Board, and their officials.

We therefore avail ourselves of this mode of expressing to you our wish to become Borough Voters with the district of Birkenhead.

Signatures.

## 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

PAPER received from the Boundary Commissioners.

Egremont, Wallasey near Birkenhead,  
22 October 1867.

Gentlemen,  
I HAVE been directed by the chairman of the meeting of ratepayers of the Wallasey district to transmit to you the enclosed resolution.

I have, &c.  
(signed) H. A. Ewer.

To the Boundary Commissioners appointed  
under Section 48 of the Representation of  
the People Act, 1867.

At a meeting of ratepayers of the district of Wallasey, in the county of Chester, held at the Assembly-rooms at Egremont, within the said district, on Tuesday the 22nd day of October 1867, at 12 o'clock at noon, for the purpose of considering the question of the proposed extension of the Parliamentary Borough of Birkenhead, so far as the Wallasey district was concerned, Mr. James Clerk Boyd (Chairman of the Wallasey Local Board) having been unanimously called to the Chair:

It was moved by Mr. Henry Pooley, and seconded by Mr. George Briscoe Kerferd, and carried unanimously,

That this meeting having considered the Birkenhead Borough Boundary, is of opinion that it will be injurious to the interests of the district of Wallasey, and not be attended with any countervailing advantage, if either the whole or any part of the district were to be comprehended or included within the boundary of the said borough, and that they will offer all the objection in their power to any such scheme of inclusion.

J. C. Boyd, Chairman.

PAPER put in by Sir Philip Egerton, M.P. (with Map).

Birkenhead Improvement Commissioners' Offices, Birkenhead, 19th May 1868.

Special meeting of the Parliamentary Committee to consider the Report of the Boundary Commissioners for England and Wales, 1868.—Birkenhead.

Present, Mr. Mott, Chairman.

The Committee having considered the Boundary Commissioners' (Birkenhead) Report,

*Resolved*, That under present circumstances it is not desirable that the township of Poulton-cum-Seacombe should be added to the Parliamentary Borough of Birkenhead.

*Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Member for Birkenhead, and to the Member for the Southern Division of the County.



Birkenhead.

PAPER put in by Mr. *Laird*, M.P.

COPY of Telegram, dated May 20, 1868, from \_\_\_\_\_, Birkenhead, to  
*John Laird*, Esq., M.P., 10, Park-place, St. James's, London.

THE Board have this morning unanimously confirmed the resolution of the Parliamentary Committee, that it is not desirable to add Seacombe to the Parliamentary Borough.

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Wallasey and the Boundary Commission.

A meeting of the ratepayers of the Wallasey district was convened for yesterday at noon, in the Assembly Rooms, Egremont, to consider the question of the absorption of the district by Birkenhead. There was a fair, though not large, attendance. Mr. J. C. Boyd, Chairman of the Wallasey Local Board, presided; and, among other gentlemen present were the following:—Messrs. Pooley, Buchanan, Chadburn, Kerferd, Ewer (clerk to the Board), T. S. Jones, T. B. Hughes, Walmsley, Heap; Drs. Ahern and Nisbet; and Captains Smith and Williams.

The Chairman said they would be all aware that the late Reform Bill had considerably increased the number of voters, and that Government had appointed Commissioners to inquire into the Parliamentary Boundaries. The Assistant Commissioners recently came to Birkenhead; and, in the absence of the law clerk, he attended before that meeting to watch over the interests of the parish. The Birkenhead Commissioners held a meeting at which an opinion was expressed that they would rather not extend the boundaries, but there were other members, and more especially Mr. Bretherton, who made a great many statements which he (the Chairman) thought were calculated to prejudice the interests of the parish. It appeared to him that the Parliamentary Boundary, although merely a political question, was fraught with very serious consequences. Mr. Bretherton did not wish to include the whole of the parish of Wallasey, but only that portion of it more immediately connected with Seacombe, and all round the docks. This was, perhaps, the most important district in the parish. The boundary now went right through the middle of Wallasey Pool. At least that was the understanding between the Wallasey Board and the Birkenhead Commissioners. Birkenhead took one side, and Wallasey the other, and there was a question now pending—and an important one—with reference to the poor-rates. If Wallasey gave up her boundaries they might perhaps fail in making good the rating of the docks. Then, if the Birkenhead Commissioners were to preside over them, it might or it might not very much increase their rates. At all events they had a large and growing population, which must some day become of very great importance, and he thought it would be injudicious to part with any of those rights which they now possessed. This meeting was called only for the ratepayers to give expression to their wishes, and when that feeling was ascertained, a representation could of course be made to the Commissioners.

Dr. Miller protested against that meeting being called a meeting of the ratepayers. He objected to the hour at which it was held. It would have been more honest and more honourable if the meeting had been called at night, and before the Chairman went to the Assistant Commissioners, instead of the Chairman first going before the Commissioners and making statements as representing the ratepayers.

The Chairman said Dr. Miller's protestation would be taken for what it was worth. He (the Chairman) had always had the interest of the ratepayers at heart. It was very inconvenient for gentlemen engaged in Liverpool to attend that meeting, but they had done so. As to his going before the Commissioners there was a very short time to call a meeting, and he took upon himself to go before them and say what he had heard expressed, both at the Local Board and throughout the parish generally, to the effect that there was no desire on the part of the parish to be included in Birkenhead. Dr. Miller, as a ratepayer, seemed always to have sufficient time to enter protests and create other annoyances at all the meetings, and he (the Chairman) believed that nothing he could do upon such an occasion as the present would have the slightest influence.

Dr. Miller replied that as to his time and abilities, or what he did, he was responsible, and the Chairman's castigation would go as the Chairman had said, for what it was worth. He contended that the time for which the meeting was fixed was inconvenient. The Local Board were not the ratepayers, nor did they altogether represent the wishes of the ratepayers.

The Chairman asked the speaker if he was going to make a motion.

Dr. Miller said he felt it was no use in that meeting to make a motion, as he could not possibly carry it, inasmuch as that was not a meeting of ratepayers, but, according to the Chairman's own showing, a meeting of the gentlemen of Liverpool, who would vote according to their own interests.

Mr. Pooley said that, with regard to the Boundary Commissioners, every ratepayer in the district equally with the Chairman might, if he had so felt it to be the interest of the district, have gone to the meeting and expressed his sentiments. The Chairman took the opportunity and went; and so far as an individual could have represented the district before the Commissioners, he expressed the views which he (Mr. Pooley) entertained a strong opinion would be the views of the district. When Birkenhead borough was  
formed,

formed, a strong opposition was made by the Wallasey district against being included, and in consequence of that opposition, the district was left out. It was perfectly competent for gentlemen now to move an adjournment to the drill shed, and take a larger vote than that of the present meeting, and he should be sorry if the Chairman or the board should be supposed to ignore the opinion of the ratepayers. He moved, "That on mature consideration of the relative positions of the borough of Birkenhead and the district of Wallasey, it is the opinion of the ratepayers in public meeting assembled, that it is undesirable that our district, in whole or part, should be amalgamated with the borough of Birkenhead." The district was definedly separated from Birkenhead by a boundary which no one could mistake. They had their own gas and water works, and a great deal better than any other now in the neighbourhood; and they ought to have their own police, and should have had their own police but for the conditions imposed as to the amount of population composing a police district. The limit was fixed at 15,000, but the parish at the time of the passing of the County Police Act happened not to be more than 10,000. He had told Mr. Tollemache in the House of Commons that they were not very anxious about the matter then, but he hoped the time was coming when they would have that as well as everything else necessary to constitute them a perfect district. They would gain nothing by amalgamation with Birkenhead; but he saw the possibility of their coming into difficulty through it. He therefore strongly supported the resolution.

Mr. Cowan moved the adjournment of the meeting. He said it was downright nonsense to call that a meeting of the ratepayers. The Chairman had made a great many scurrilous remarks about a gentleman who, whoever that gentleman might be, had no right to be talked to by the Chairman as the Chairman had talked to him. Here were a few, a paltry and insignificant few, compared with the whole of the ratepayers of the parish.

Dr. Miller hoped it would not be necessary to second the resolution. His sole object was that the whole of the ratepayers should have an understanding of what they were about to do. He had not the slightest objection to the resolution now proposed, but he would rather it was agreed to amicably, and he thought that at an adjourned meeting the views of the various speakers could be brought forward in a matured state, so that there would be no turmoil.

The Chairman explained that it was for the meeting to say whether there should be an adjournment. He had not the least possible objection himself. He thought, however, as the meeting was convened, they ought to come to a decision at once, as the inquiry was going on, and several gentlemen had attended at considerable inconvenience.

Dr. Nisbet also objected to the hour at which the meeting was called; and, after some further discussion, the motion for an adjournment to the drill-shed on this (Wednesday) evening was put, and negatived by a considerable majority.

Mr. Kerferd then spoke in favour of the original resolution, urging that if amalgamated with Birkenhead a number of county votes would be lost.

The resolution was then put and carried unanimously, and, after it had been carried, Captain Smith stated that the amalgamation would gain 639 borough votes and lose 1,745 county votes.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings, which, with the exception of the question as to the time of the meeting, were quite unanimous.







## BIRMINGHAM.

Birmingham.

## I.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

THE Parliamentary borough of Birmingham is co-extensive with the municipal boroughs and contains the parish of Birmingham, the parish of Edgbaston, and part of the parish of Aston. Existing Borough.

The borough is wholly in the county of Warwick. On the north and west, however, it is bounded by the parishes of Handsworth and Harborne, which are in the county of Stafford, and on the south by the parishes of Northfield, King's Norton and Yardley, in the county of Worcester. On the north-east and east are the manor of Aston and the hamlet of Saltley and Washwood. Its boundaries.

The town of Birmingham has extended considerably beyond the borough to the north, the east, and the south, and therefore now occupies portions of three counties. To the north it is connected with the parish of Handsworth and the manor of Aston, by a mass of buildings with scarcely an interval; to the south, with the parish of King's Norton, and to the east, in a less degree, with the hamlet of Saltley and Washwood. It is also connected on the west with the township of Smethwick, which is part of the parish of Harborne. The town of Birmingham.

At our public inquiry it was proposed to extend the borough boundaries, so as to include the following districts and hamlets, on the ground that they are connected with the borough in trade and occupation, and are in every respect part of the town of Birmingham; (that is to say), Proposals for extension.

The Manor of Aston, computed to contain 900 acres and 5,330 inhabited houses.

The ecclesiastical districts St. Michael's and Holy Trinity, in the parish of Handsworth, containing, respectively, 250 and 380 acres, and 752 and 345 inhabited houses.

The ecclesiastical district of Balsall Heath, in the parish of King's Norton, containing about 400 acres and 2,000 inhabited houses.

The hamlet of Saltley and Washwood, containing about 1,000 acres and 663 houses.

The boundaries of these districts are well ascertained. Aston Manor and Balsall Heath have boundaries assigned, by Order in Council, under the Public Health Act. The districts of St. Michael's and Holy Trinity are similarly defined for ecclesiastical purposes, and the hamlet of Saltley and Washwood is a separate district for highway and Government tax purposes.

The extension of the borough was opposed by the town clerk, on the part of the Corporation, and generally by those living within the borough, for the following reasons: Objections to extensions.

Any enlargement of the boundaries would injuriously affect the privilege granted to Birmingham under the Reform Act of 1867, as it would increase the constituency to an unmanageable extent, and the expense of contested elections, and thus would limit the choice of a representative to those few candidates who could afford to bear the expense of a contest. The Reform Act had given a third Member to Birmingham, but if the boundaries were extended the privilege granted would be neutralized. The present borough was stated to contain 8,420 acres, of which 850 acres comprise land laid out for building, but not yet occupied, and 2,570 acres are agricultural land which are being let out in building lots as fast as possible, and will in course of time be built upon. Any extension of the borough to the north, the west, or the south, would place it in portions of two or more counties.

Those residing without the borough are opposed to any extension, chiefly because it is feared that an extension of the municipality will follow, and impose on the suburbs municipal burdens. It was also stated that many had invested their earnings in buildings outside the municipality, either to get a county vote or to escape the heavy rate charged on the town.

Petitions and memorials in support of these views were presented to us on behalf of the Corporation and of all the districts interested.

It will be observed that no argument was addressed to the point as to which we have been instructed to inquire, viz., whether the occupiers of houses beyond the boundaries of the borough, from community of interests and other local circumstances, may be considered as forming part of the town population. After personal inspection and careful inquiry we are satisfied that the districts proposed to be added are of this character. Aston Manor and Balsall Heath are connected with the borough by an almost continuous mass of houses. The districts of Holy Trinity and St. Michael's, as well as the hamlet of Saltley and Washwood, are connected by houses with short intervals of gardens and land laid out for building. Manufactories have been built in some of these suburbs, and, as we are informed, many persons who formerly lived in the borough have converted their residences into houses of business, and now live in the suburbs. Recommendations.

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We are also of opinion, that the ecclesiastical district of Moseley, which adjoins that of Balsall Heath, and contains about 500 houses, should be included, as the suburbs are rapidly increasing in this direction.

For the same reason we recommend the addition of a further portion of the parish of Handsworth, viz., that lying to the south of the Wellington-road, and to the east of Sandwell-lane, Crockett-lane, and Rabone-lane, a district now occupied by about 850 houses. The township of Smethwick, though connected by houses with the borough of Birmingham, has its interests in the direction of West Bromwich, and on this account is not recommended for addition to the present borough.

The additions thus proposed comprehend about 11,030 inhabited houses, and a computed population of 55,000 souls.

Proposed boundaries.

We, therefore, propose, that the future borough of Birmingham shall consist of the old borough; the manor of Aston and the hamlet of Saltley and Washwood, in the county of Warwick; the district chapelries of Balsall Heath and Moseley, in the parish of King's Norton and the county of Worcester; the district chapelries of St. Michael's and Holy Trinity, in the parish of Handsworth and the county of Stafford; and all that part of the remaining portion of the parish of Handsworth, which lies to the south of Wellington-road, and Church-lane, to its junction with Sandwell-lane, and to the east of Sandwell-lane, Crockett-lane, and Rabone-lane.

*E. W. Ward.*

*John L. Wharton.*

## 2.—PETITIONS.

### Petition from the Manor of *Aston*, in the County of *Warwick*.

The humble Petition of the undersigned, the Board for the repair of the highways of the Manor of Aston, in the County of Warwick; the Board of Inspectors for the lighting of the said manor (being the constituted local authorities in and for the same manor); and the Executive Committee of an Association formed in the Manor for opposing Annexation to the Borough of Birmingham,

Sheweth,

1. THAT, by the Boundary Bill now before your Honourable House, it is proposed to include within the Parliamentary boundary of the borough of Birmingham the large and important district of Aston Manor, which contains a rapidly-increasing population, numbering at the present time about 25,000 persons; and judging from the rate of increase during the past 30 or 40 years, as evinced by the Census of 1831, when the population was 946 only, it is estimated that in a very few years there will be a population of 50,000 persons.

2. That the present population of the Parliamentary borough of Birmingham is estimated at upwards of 350,000 persons, and that borough is at the present time considerably too large to be well manageable for election purposes, and if any alteration is made in its boundaries, your Petitioners respectfully submit that it should be by decreasing rather than increasing the area of the town.

3. That there is no greater community of interests existing between Aston Manor and Birmingham than exists between the latter town and Acock's Green, Sutton Coldfield, and other places within a radius of six or seven miles.

4. That the extensions of boundaries by the said Bill are, as far as the surrounding districts of Birmingham are concerned, partial and unsatisfactory, as there are other districts besides those proposed to be added in as close proximity to Birmingham, and containing populations not less urban than those of Aston Manor and Balsall Heath.

5. That, inasmuch as there are in England and Wales 65 towns, each returning two Members to Parliament, and 48 other towns returning one Member, and each of which towns has a population greatly inferior to that of Aston Manor, your Petitioners submit that instead of uniting the manor to Birmingham, the former is fairly entitled to an independent representation of its own.

6. That, until such independent representation to Aston Manor is granted, the inhabitants thereof would greatly prefer remaining as part of the constituency of North Warwickshire, and it is hoped that the fact that many of such inhabitants have made long and earnest struggles to acquire a vote for the county, will be duly considered by your Honourable House.

7. That public meetings, called by advertisements in the local papers, have from time to time been held in the manor, when the feeling against annexation was always found to be unanimous, and the proposal to unite the manor to Birmingham has given rise to strong feelings of dissatisfaction.

8. That at one of the aforesaid public meetings the Aston Manor Association was formed for the purpose of opposing the proposed inclusion of Aston Manor within the Parliamentary



tary boundary of Birmingham, and the signatures affixed hereto are those of the executive committee of such association, in addition to the signatures of the local authorities of the manor, which said committees and authorities represent the opinions and wishes of almost the entire community on the subject of annexation.

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9. That a memorial, protesting against annexation to the borough of Birmingham, signed by 4,543 out of an estimated total number of 6,000 adult male residents of the manor, was transmitted by the said association to the Boundary Commission; and that the signatures to such memorial were those of persons of all shades of political opinion.

10. That the town council of Birmingham were almost unanimous in condemning the proposed annexation, and their views were fully submitted by representatives from that body to the Assistant Commissioners when in Birmingham in October 1867.

11. That it is greatly to be feared, if Aston Manor be annexed for Parliamentary purposes, that municipal annexation will follow, and thereby a very great injury will be inflicted upon the owners and occupiers of property in the said manor.

12. That the addition of extensive and populous districts to a town already too large is vicious in principle, and cannot be attended with any benefit whatever; but, on the contrary, will only tend to provoke renewed agitation for more equitable representation, and for an entire re-distribution of seats, based upon the principle of equal electoral districts.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the said Bill may not pass into a law as it now stands, but that all clauses having reference to the contemplated extension of the boundary of the borough of Birmingham by the inclusion of Aston Manor, may, in accordance with the wishes of the people of that district, and of the borough of Birmingham, be expunged from the said Bill.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

26 Signatures.

#### PETITION of the Inhabitants of *Aston Manor*, in the County of *Warwick*.

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of Aston Manor, in the County of Warwick, proposed and adopted at a Public Meeting called by Advertisement, and held in the Manor, on the 27th day of April 1868,

Sheweth,

1. THAT, by the Boundary Bill now before your Honourable House, it is proposed to include within the Parliamentary boundary of the borough of Birmingham the large and important district of Aston Manor, which contains a rapidly increasing population, numbering at the present time about 25,000 persons; and, judging from the rate of increase during the past 30 or 40 years, as evinced by the Census of 1831, when the population was 946 only, it is estimated that in a very few years there will be a population of 50,000 persons.

2. That the present population of the Parliamentary borough of Birmingham is estimated at upwards of 350,000 persons, and that borough is at the present time considerably too large to be well manageable for election purposes, and if any alteration is made in its boundaries, your Petitioners respectfully submit that it should be by decreasing, rather than increasing, the area of the town.

3. That there is no greater community of interests existing between Aston Manor and Birmingham than exists between the latter town and Handsworth, Acock's Green, Sutton, Coldfield, and other places within a radius of six or seven miles.

4. That the extensions of boundaries proposed by the said Bill are, as far as the surrounding districts of Birmingham are concerned, partial and unsatisfactory, as there are other districts besides those proposed to be added in as close proximity to Birmingham, and containing populations not less urban than those of Aston Manor and Balsall Heath.

5. That, inasmuch as there are in England and Wales 65 towns, each returning two Members to Parliament, and 48 other towns returning one Member, and each of which towns has a population greatly inferior to that of Aston Manor, your Petitioners submit that, instead of uniting the Manor to Birmingham, the former is fairly entitled to an independent representation of its own.

6. That, until such independent representation to Aston Manor is granted, your Petitioners, and, indeed, nearly the whole of the inhabitants, would greatly prefer remaining as part of the constituency of North Warwickshire, and it is hoped that the fact that many have made long and earnest struggles to acquire a vote for the county, will be duly considered by your Honourable House.

7. That a memorial protesting against annexation to the borough of Birmingham, signed by 4,543 out of an estimated total number of 6,000 adult male residents of the manor, was transmitted to the Boundary Commissioners, and that the signatures to such memorial were those of persons of all shades of political opinion.

8. That



Birmingham.

8. That the town council of Birmingham were almost unanimous in condemning the proposed annexation, and their views were fully submitted by representatives from that body to the Assistant Commissioners when in Birmingham in October 1867.

9. That it is greatly to be feared, if Aston Manor be annexed for Parliamentary purposes, that municipal annexation will follow, and thereby a very great injury will be inflicted upon the owners and occupiers of property in the said manor.

10. That the addition of extensive and populous districts to a town already too large is vicious in principle and cannot be attended with any benefit whatever, but, on the contrary, will only tend to provoke renewed agitation for more equitable representation, and for an entire re-distribution of seats, based upon the principle of equal electoral districts.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honourable House that the said Bill may not pass into a law as it now stands, but that the first Schedule to such Bill may be so altered or amended as that no extension of the boundary of the borough of Birmingham shall be made which may include Aston Manor, or any part thereof, within the said borough.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Signed on behalf of the above-mentioned meeting,

1 Signature.

PETITION of the Local Board of Health for the District of *Balsall Heath*, in the County of *Worcester*.

THE humble Petition of the Local Board of Health for the District of Balsall Heath, situate in the eastern division of the county of Worcester, incorporated under the Public Health Acts, under their common seal,

Sheweth,

That as such your Petitioners view with alarm and apprehension the proposal to include in the Boundary Bill now before your Honourable House this district in the Parliamentary borough of Birmingham, believing that to do so will inevitably lead to its ultimate absorption into the municipal borough.

Your Petitioners and their predecessors have introduced and effected great improvements in the district by enforcing the regulations contained in the Public Health Acts from time to time by which property situate therein has become enhanced in value.

The local rates have been cheerfully paid by the residents generally, and your Petitioners have reason to believe that if the district should be included in the borough of Birmingham the value of property will be very much depreciated, and great loss accrue to many of the owners thereof.

Your Petitioners are aware how your Honourable House regards with scrupulous care the vested interests established in any case where new legislation is proposed to be enacted, and your Petitioners most humbly submit that to include the district of Balsall Heath in the boundary of the borough of Birmingham would in many instances be attended with disastrous consequences.

Your Petitioners respectfully remind your Honourable House that Balsall Heath is in the county of Worcester, whereas Birmingham is in the county of Warwick, and that to incorporate the one with the other can only be done by violating those ancient and venerated landmarks of county division so highly cherished by all people, and will be a case, as your Petitioners believe, without a parallel.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly but earnestly pray that your Honourable House will omit from the Boundary Bill every clause that seeks to include the district of Balsall Heath in the Parliamentary borough of Birmingham.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

1 Signature.

### 3.—MEMORIALS.

PAPER received from the Boundary Commissioners.

To the Right Honourable Lord Viscount Eversley, the Right Honourable Russell Gurney, Sir John Thomas Buller Duckworth, Baronet; Sir Francis Crossley, Baronet, and John Walter, Esquire, the Boundary Commissioners for England and Wales, appointed under the 48th Section of "The Representation of the People Act, 1867."

The Memorial of the undersigned Inhabitants of the Manor of Aston, in the County of Warwick,

Sheweth,

THAT your Memorialists respectfully desire to submit for your consideration, that neither the Manor of Aston, nor any part thereof, ought to be annexed to the borough of Birmingham for the purpose of returning members to Parliament; and for the following, among other reasons, viz:—

1. That

1. That the present Parliamentary borough of Birmingham has already a population of 350,000 inhabitants, and at its present rapidly increasing ratio, will in a few years have a population of half a million.

Birmingham.

2. That the nomination by the House of Commons of a third member to represent Birmingham in that House was made in consideration of the present vast extent and population of the borough of Birmingham.

3. That in the apportionment of additional Members to certain counties and boroughs in the above-mentioned Act, regard was had to the total populations of counties and boroughs respectively, and that it would be manifestly unjust to the boroughs that the number of their electors should be increased without a proportionate increase in the number of representatives.

4. That the population of Aston Manor is at the present time considerably in excess of many towns returning Members to Parliament, and judging from the present rate of increase, it may be assumed that in about five or six years, there will be 50,000 persons, at least, resident in the manor, and it is submitted, that the time will then have arrived when a representative of its own in Parliament may fairly be claimed.

5. That the boundary of the borough of Birmingham is now better defined than it could possibly be by the addition of any part of Aston Manor.

6. That the interests of the manor are not by any means identical with those of the borough, and indeed, not more so than would be the interests of Moseley, Sutton Coldfield, Acock's Green, and many other outlying towns and villages, distant six or seven miles from Birmingham.

7. That if the Manor of Aston were to be annexed to the borough of Birmingham, the inhabitants of the former would be deprived of their political privilege of assisting to return Members of Parliament for the Northern Division of the county of Warwick, whilst such annexation would give them no corresponding benefit, as the number of their votes could not have any material effect upon the votes recorded at a contested election for the borough of Birmingham.

8. That your memorialists fear that if the said manor were annexed to the said borough for Parliamentary purposes, that annexation for municipal purposes would speedily follow, and the result would be that occupiers of houses in the manor would have heavy burdens imposed upon them; the property in the manor would become seriously depreciated; and many of its inhabitants would be driven to reside at a greater distance, to escape the burdens which would be laid upon them.

9. That the great majority of the population of Birmingham, (as expressed by their town council,) as well as of the Manor of Aston, desire that there should be no alteration or extension of the present boundaries of the borough.

10. That an extension of the boundary of the borough of Birmingham would be unproductive of any possible benefit, whilst it is believed it would be the cause of very great dissatisfaction to thousands of inhabitants both within and without the said borough.

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray that if any scheme of annexation of Aston Manor, or any part thereof, with the borough of Birmingham, has been contemplated or suggested, the same may not be recommended for adoption by the Honourable the House of Commons, but that it may be deemed to be consistent with justice that the boundary of the borough of Birmingham may remain as at present defined.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

Signatures.

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#### 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

PAPERS handed in by Mr. *Bright*, M.P.

Borough of *Birmingham*.

My dear Sir,

Mayor's Office, 19 May 1869.

ON the other side of this letter I have the honour of transmitting a resolution, adopted by the council of this borough, upon the presentation of a memorial of a number of burgesses, with reference to the proposed extension of the borough boundaries, and I beg to express a hope that you will be pleased to support the resolution and memorial.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Thomas Avery*, Mayor.

John Bright, Esq., M.P.



Birmingham.

RESOLUTION referred to in the last Letter.

Borough of *Birmingham*.

At an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council of this Borough held in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in Moor-street, on Tuesday the 19th day of May 1868 :

*Thomas Avery, Esq., Mayor, in the Chair :*

Mr. Alderman Sadler presented a memorial from burgesses, praying the council to furnish the Select Committee of the House of Commons appointed to consider the boundaries of certain boroughs, with the documents in the possession of the council, tending to show the non-advisability of, and by all other means in its power to prevent, any further extension of the Parliamentary Boundaries of the borough.

*Resolved,* That the memorial now presented be received, and that the borough Members be respectfully requested to enforce before the Select Committee of the House of Commons, the desire of the Corporation to oppose any extension of the Parliamentary Boundary of the borough of Birmingham.

*Resolved,* That the mayor be respectfully requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolution to the borough Members by this evening's post.

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PAPERS handed in by Mr. *Dixon, M.P.*

Borough of *Birmingham*.

My dear Mr. Dixon,

Mayor's Office, 19 May 1868.

A memorial has this afternoon been presented to the town council, with reference to the Report of the Boundary Commissioners, and thereon the council has adopted a resolution, which is transmitted [in the annexed page]\*, and I have the honour of requesting your valuable support to the resolution and memorial.

\* See above.

Of course this letter is written officially, and on behalf of the council.

Believe me, &c.

George Dixon, Esq., M.P.

*Thomas Avery, Mayor.*

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LETTERS addressed to the Chairman of the Select Committee.

Sir,

6, Gray's-Inn-square, 29 May 1868.

I AM desired by Mr. Newdegate, M.P., to forward to you the enclosed document, being a copy of a letter he has received on the subject of Aston Hall and Park, Birmingham.

I have, &c.

The Right Hon. Spencer Walpole,  
Chairman of the Committee on Boundaries.

(signed) *Wm. J. Stuart.*

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My dear Sir,

Waterloo-street, Birmingham, 27 May 1868.

I BEG leave to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of yesterday's date; but as I was away from Birmingham when it arrived, I have been unable to see Mr. James until to-day.

I send you by book post a copy of the published accounts of the Corporation of Birmingham for the past year, upon reference to which it will be seen that there is now owing by



by the Corporation 21,500 *l.* on account of money borrowed for the purchase of Aston Hall and Park (pp. 26 and 27), the interest upon which last year amounted to 944 *l.* 14 *s.* 3 *d.*, while the expenses of maintaining the property during the same period amounted to 1,594 *l.* 15 *s.* 4 *d.* (p. 17), forming a gross expenditure of 2,539 *l.* 9 *s.* 7 *d.*, which may be thus classified :—

Birmingham.

|                                                                                                                                                                                        | £.  | s.    | d.   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|------|
| Salaries and wages - - - - -                                                                                                                                                           | 473 | 5     | -    |
| Stationery, &c. - - - - -                                                                                                                                                              | 12  | 8     | 4    |
| Repairs, rates, and insurance - - - - -                                                                                                                                                | 415 | 8     | -    |
| Gas, cleaning, and water - - - - -                                                                                                                                                     | 93  | 14    | 5    |
| Interest - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                     | 944 | 14    | 3    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                        | £.  | 1,939 | 10 7 |
| New buildings and alterations (which if properly separated,<br>would still further swell the above total annual expenditure<br>of 1,939 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> 7 <i>d.</i> ) - - - - - | 578 | 11    | 4    |
| Law charges - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                  | 21  | 7     | 8    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                        | £.  | 2,539 | 9 7  |

The expense of the police engaged in the park would, I apprehend, fall within the general police expense of the borough.

The freehold of the hall and park is vested in the Corporation of Birmingham, and is under the borough police regulations; but any offence committed in the park comes under the jurisdiction of the county justices.

I am unable to furnish any details or records of the circumstances preceding or during Her Majesty's visit; the account, however, as appears in the "St. James's Chronicle" is, according to my recollection, substantially correct.

I shall be pleased to do my best to obtain any further information you may require.

C. N. Newdegate, Esq., M.P.

I am, &c.  
(signed)

Dear Mr. Walpole,

29 May 1868.

I HOPE that you received the copy of the letter I yesterday read to the Committee on the Boundaries of Boroughs, with respect to the inclusion of Aston Manor within the Parliamentary Boundary of the borough of Birmingham. I took the letter, which I had arranged with you before the Committee should be taken as part of my statement, to my solicitor this morning, who undertook to have it copied, and to send his clerk with the copy down to the Committee-room, and there to deliver it to you, or to the clerk of the Committee on my behalf.

I understand that this was done; but I am anxious to have your acknowledgment of its having been done in accordance with the directions I received from yourself as Chairman of the Committee.

As was agreed, the name of the writer of this statement was omitted, because I had not his authority for using it publicly, and because I undertook that the statements contained in that letter, which referred to the accounts of the borough of Birmingham, as well as to other matters connected with the subject, should be taken as my own,

I remain, &c.  
(signed) C. N. Newdegate.

The Right Honourable  
Spencer H. Walpole, M. P., 109, Eaton-square,  
London, S. W.



## B O L T O N.

## 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

THE borough of Bolton is thus described in Schedule (O.) of the Boundary Act of 1832 :—

Bolton-le-Moors. { The several townships of Great Bolton, Little Bolton, and Haulgh, except that detached part of the township of Little Bolton which is situate to the north of the town of Bolton.

Bolton.

Bolton is a corporate town, and the charter of incorporation was granted in 1838, in express terms for the district comprised in the boundaries of the borough of Bolton, as settled by the Boundary Act of 1832.

There is a remarkable difference between the boundary of the borough as traced on the Ordnance map, and the boundary adopted at Bolton. The first boundary includes the area coloured pink on the Ordnance map originally supplied to us marked A. The latter boundary includes the area bordered by us pink on map marked L, and coloured brown on map B lent to us by the corporation. The line on the Ordnance map marked "Parliamentary and municipal boundary," is continued to the north of the point marked Astley Bridge, on the north-western edge of the borough, along the boundary of a district called on the spot Little Bolton Higher End, till it meets the boundary of Little Bolton, as distinguished from Little Bolton Higher End, on the eastern side at Astley Brook. Astley Brook may be called, though not quite accurately throughout, the southern boundary of this district. Thus, on the Ordnance map, this district immediately beyond Astley Brook is included within the boundary, but it is considered at Bolton as without the boundary.

The difference appears to have arisen thus :—There are to the north of the borough three detached parts of Little Bolton, coloured by us blue on Map L, and known, as well as the district immediately beyond Astley Brook, by the name of Little Bolton Higher End. On referring to the Report on the borough presented to Parliament in 1832, it will be seen that the Commissioner who drew up the Report intended to include the district immediately beyond Astley Brook in the borough, and that it is within the boundary on the map accompanying the Report. He proposed that the borough should consist of the township of Great Bolton, Little Bolton, and Haulgh, with the exception of an isolated part of Little Bolton, which lies about two miles distant from the town, and, in the definition of the proposed boundary, used these words, "With the exception of that part of Little Bolton which is mentioned as lying at a considerable distance from the town." The map accompanying the Report shows that the exception referred to the central one of the three detached parts of Little Bolton, the only one contained in the map. The definition is not so exact as to be perfectly intelligible without the map, for the exception would suit either of the three detached parts of Little Bolton.

The framer of the Act adopted the proposed boundary with a slight modification of the words of exception. But when introduced into the Act, and placed in connection with the 37th section, these words of exception are reduced to surplusage if interpreted as intended by the Commissioner, and become susceptible of a new meaning. That section enacts, that no borough shall include any part of any township which is detached from the main body of such township, if, by reason of including such detached part, the boundary established by the Act would not be continuous; and as this part is wholly detached, so that the proposed boundary could not include it and be continuous, it would, in consequence, be excluded without words of exception.

The only way, therefore, of giving a signification to these words is by referring them to a district which, but for their introduction, would have been included in the borough. Accordingly, at Bolton, they have been interpreted as applying to Little Bolton Higher End, immediately beyond Astley Brook. Even then they are ambiguous; for this district cannot accurately be described as a detached part of Little Bolton, because it adjoins Little Bolton along all its breadth, and is, in fact, a projecting continuation of Little Bolton. But the Bolton interpretation was adopted in consequence of a practice previously existing. In 1830 an Act was passed for improving the township of Little Bolton, the 109th section of which recites, that all that part of the township of Little Bolton situate, lying, and being on the northerly side of Astley Brook running under Astley Bridge, is called the Higher End of Little Bolton, and is divided and separated from the rest of the township of Little Bolton by part of the township of Sharples, and is at such a distance from the rest of the township of Little Bolton that it has not derived any benefit from the provisions in regard to the lighting and watching of Little Bolton in a previous Act of 1792, and will not derive any benefit from similar provisions in this Act; and that it is equitable that the houses in the Higher End of Little Bolton, and the arable meadow and pasture



Bolton.

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land of Little Bolton, should not be rated so highly as the rest of Little Bolton, and then enacts that these houses and land should be rated upon four-fifths of their value, and that the provisions of the Act relating to lighting and watching should not extend to the Higher End of Little Bolton, or any part thereof. These recitals and enactments were understood as including the district in question. This district certainly is not separated from the rest of Little Bolton by the township of Sharples, but it is situate on the northern side of Astley Brook, and was, as allowing for part of the village of Astley Bridge it is still, a rural district, and hence within the equity of the section. It was subjected to a diminished rate, and exempted from the lighting and watching provisions. Thus, it was treated in practice as exceptional before the Boundary Act, and the Boundary Act has been interpreted by the aid of this practice. No light is thrown on the subject by any subsequent Act; for every subsequent Act adopts expressly the words of the Parliamentary boundary. No question has ever been raised on the point before the revising barrister. The district has never been treated as within the borough, either for Parliamentary or municipal purposes, and is now included within a district formed under the Local Government Act in 1864, and called the Astley Bridge District. The Astley Bridge District is shown on Map L by a line coloured green.

The result appears to be, that these words of exception must be referred to this district, and considered to be a misnomer or inaccurate description of the district, cured, however, by the 30th section, on the ground that the subject of the description is so designated as to be commonly understood.

If it is thought desirable to alter the description in Schedule (O.), so as to correspond, without doubt, with the Bolton interpretation, the words of exception may be altered so as to run thus:—

“With the exception of that part of the township of Little Bolton, called the Higher End of Little Bolton.”

The present description probably never will give, as it never has given, rise to any practical difficulty, but as the subject was necessarily mentioned to us, and involved the question of the accuracy of the Ordnance map in an important point, we thought it our duty to examine the subject as thoroughly as we could.

In 1854 the Bolton Improvement Act was passed. Under the 3rd section of this Act the corporation has jurisdiction over the slaughter-houses in Bolton, and within two miles of any part of Bolton; and by the same section, extended by two Acts passed in 1864 and 1865 respectively, the corporation is authorised to supply with water an area of irregular shape, comprising the borough and the neighbouring townships, and extending in some directions two miles beyond the present boundary.

The borough of Bolton and places adjacent are supplied with gas by the Bolton Gas Company. The limits of the operations of the company are defined in an Act obtained in the same year 1854, and may be described sufficiently for this inquiry as nearly coinciding with the limits for the supply of water.

It has been necessary to advert to these limits in order to explain the different views entertained by the inhabitants of the borough and the inhabitants of the neighbourhood with regard to the enlargement of the Parliamentary boundary. It is, however, clear that these limits are too wide to afford any assistance as to the Parliamentary boundary.

No definite proposal for the enlargement of the boundary was made to us.

The town clerk informed us that the corporation was of opinion that the borough had outgrown its limits, and had appointed a committee to prepare a scheme of enlargement, but that the scheme recommended by the committee was not agreed to, and that it was determined not to submit to us any proposal.

This scheme is indicated by the brown line on Map E, appended hereto, and the buildings outside the borough, constructed since the Ordnance survey, are coloured lake on Map B.

In anticipation of the proposal of this scheme, a counter scheme was prepared as the most desirable, if any change was made, but, though explained to us, was withdrawn in deference to the overwhelming and almost unanimous objection of the persons residing in the neighbourhood of the borough to be brought within the Parliamentary boundary. This counter-scheme is indicated by the blue line on Map E.

We have received memorials from the following bodies and persons deprecating any enlargement affecting their respective districts. These districts bound the borough, as may be seen by referring to Map B and Map L:—

1st. From the local Board of the Astley Bridge district, which bounds the borough on the north along a line coloured green on Map L.

2nd. From 420 inhabitant ratepayers and owners of property within the same district.

3rd. From the local Board of the district of Halliwell, formed under the Local Government Act of 1863. This district bounds the borough on the north-western side, and is coloured purple.

4th. From 887 inhabitant ratepayers and owners of property within the same district.

5th. From Sir Charles Henry Tempest, Bart., the owner of nearly the whole of the property within the township of Heaton, and of a large portion of the township of Rumworth.

6th. From about 25 inhabitant ratepayers and owners of property within the township of Heaton lying to the south of the township of Halliwell, and bounding the borough on the west. This township is coloured brown.

7th. From about 63 inhabitant ratepayers and owners of property within the township of Rumworth

Rumworth, lying to the south of the township of Heaton, and bounding the borough on the south-west. This township is coloured burnt umber.

8th. From about 70 inhabitant ratepayers and owners of property within the township of Great Lever, lying to the east of Rumworth, and bounding the borough on the south. This township is coloured green.

9th. From the Earl of Bradford, as owner of houses and lands in Great Lever and Darcy Lever. Darcy Lever bounds the borough on the south-east, and is coloured brown.

10th. From about 230 inhabitant householders of the township of Tongue, lying north of the township of Darcy Lever, and bounding the borough to the east; and from Lieutenant Colonel Starkie, the lord of the manor of Tongue. The township of Tongue is coloured vermilion.

These memorials are appended to this report, and are marked respectively B, C, D, E, F, G, H, K, L, M, N.

Most of these memorials were prepared in the expectation that some scheme of enlargement would have been proposed by the corporation; and the opposition of the Memorialists arises, as it is stated in some of the memorials, from their having good reason to believe that the scheme thus expected was intended as a step towards the extension of the municipal area. Such an extension was proposed by the corporation in 1864, in consequence of the mills built and the number of persons residing just outside, and enjoying the benefit of proximity to, the municipal borough, without contributing to the burdens of the borough, and a two mile radius from the centre of the town was taken to describe the area to be included; but the proposal was given up in consequence of the opposition offered to it.

The two questions appear closely connected to both the advocates and opponents of enlargement, and it is considered in the borough and in the neighbourhood, that any decision regarding the Parliamentary boundary will influence the struggle between the borough and the neighbourhood regarding the municipal boundary. In words almost the same, the Memorialists respectively assert that they are distinct from, and independent of, the borough.

As these schemes were not definitely laid before us, it is unnecessary to describe the boundaries adopted in them. It is sufficient to say, that both comprise districts excluded by our instructions.

We have, therefore, considered the possibility of defining a boundary that should carry out our instructions.

Beginning from the north, we find from inspection, and the evidence taken, that—

1. The village of Astley Bridge, situate partly in the township of Sharples, and partly in Little Bolton Higher End, is connected by a continuous line of buildings with the town of Bolton, and as far as situation and appearance are concerned, it is impossible to distinguish it from the town.

The village is increasing, and the buildings constructed since the publication of the Ordnance map are shown in lake, on Map B.

2nd. There is a populous part of the township of Halliwell immediately adjoining the borough where the greatest increase in the township has taken place, shown also in lake on Map B. It is joined by continuous buildings to, and is undistinguishable from the town.

3rd. The township of Heaton is agricultural.

4th. There has been a considerable increase at Daubhill, in the township of Rumworth, just without the south-western corner of the borough.

Daubhill is connected continuously with Bolton, and more houses are being built where the two join. There are mills there, with houses around for the workpeople. These buildings are shown in lake, on Map B.

5th. Great Lever has a scattered population, chiefly agricultural. Five works have been erected in it of late years, immediately over the brook bounding the borough on this side, built there to escape the borough rates; but the hands working in them live within the borough. There is a space of uninclosed land in the borough adapted for building of nearly 100 yards in breadth, between the last houses of the town and this brook, and there is no immediate prospect of houses being built around the works, as the whole of the township belongs to the Earl of Bradford, and he encourages the building only of villas.

6th. Damside, in the western corner of the township of Darcy Lever, and the only populous part of the township, contains several mills just outside the borough, and is occupied by a population of the same character as that of the town. It is situate in the valley of the Tongue, and is connected continuously with the extreme houses in the borough, which are built upon a slope leading down to the river, the boundary at this point. But these extreme houses are separated by a belt of fields with only a few scattered houses in them, of nearly a quarter of a mile in breadth, from the town, and appear to belong to Damside, rather than to the borough.

7th. On the eastern side of the borough from Damside to Astley Bridge, there does not appear to us to be any increase calling for remark. The population is scanty, the householders of Tongue being only about 290 in number, and the operative portion is stated to be employed chiefly in Tongue, and the adjoining country townships.

The places therefore requiring consideration are, Astley Bridge, the part of Halliwell adjoining the borough, Daubhill, and Damside. They are just without the existing borough, and contain a considerable number of houses with a town population, but there are the following objections in each case to those houses being included.

Bolton.



Bolton.

1. *Astley Bridge.*

1. Any connection with Bolton would tend to interfere with the community of interests created by the formation of the Astley Bridge district in 1864.

2. It is impossible to include Astley Bridge by any boundary, consistent throughout with well-known limits. The township of Sharples, in which the larger part is situated is, with this exception, agricultural, and has actually decreased in population between 1851 and 1861. Little Bolton Higher End, in which the other part of Astley Bridge is situate, has a scattered population.

We have defined below a boundary line, to include Astley Bridge; but in order to adhere as much as possible to well-known limits, we have been obliged to include also some portion of agricultural district.

2. *The part of Halliwell adjoining the Borough.*

The same objections apply to the admission of the houses on this side as apply to Astley Bridge. The first objection still more strongly, as the district of Halliwell has incurred considerable liabilities on the security, according to Memorial D, of the rates of the entire district under the provisions of the Public Works Act.

3rd. *Damside, and*4th. *Daubhill.*

The first of these two objections does not apply either to Damside or to Daubhill, but the second applies to both.

The peculiarity of the position of Damside also cannot be overlooked, for it is difficult to say whether Damside ought to be considered a suburb of the town, or one of the numerous and independent villages to be found on the banks of the rivers in this part of Lancashire.

With the assistance of the counter-scheme mentioned above, we have defined a boundary as little arbitrary as possible, which would take in these four places, and possibly not be extensive enough to affect the question of the municipal boundary.

These additions would give the following results:—

| —                   | Inhabited Houses. | Population. | —                                                                                                          |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Astley Bridge - -   | 700               | 3,500       | About 60 of the voters thus added will be on the County List, if Astley Bridge is not included.            |
| Part of Halliwell - | 950               | 4,500       | Nearly 120 of the voters thus added will be on the County List, if this part of Halliwell is not included. |
| Damside - - -       | 300               | 1,500       | About 20 of the voters thus added will be on the County List, if Damside is not included.                  |
| Daubhill - - -      | 250               | 1,100       | About 23 of the voters thus added will be on the County List, if Daubhill is not included.                 |

Bolton-le-Moors.

(1.) Astley Bridge.

(2.) Halliwell, adjoining the borough.

(3.) Daubhill.

The definition of the boundary would stand thus:—The several townships of Haulgh, Great Bolton, and Little Bolton, including therein the part of the Higher End of Little Bolton immediately beyond Astley Brook, and the part of the township of Sharples, contained within the boundary of the same part of the Higher End of Little Bolton and a line from the northernmost point of the same part; thence northward in a straight line to the point at which the Blackburn road meets Broad-o'-the-Lane; thence westward along Broad-o'-the-Lane to the point at which the same meets the boundary of the southernmost of the three detached parts of Little Bolton; thence southward along the boundary of the same detached part of Little Bolton to the point at which the same meets the boundary of the township of Halliwell; thence eastward along the boundary of the township of Halliwell, to the point at which the same meets the boundary of the township of Little Bolton; and the part of the township of Halliwell contained within the boundary of the township of Little Bolton and a line drawn from the point at which the boundary between the townships of Halliwell and Sharples meets the boundary of the township of Little Bolton; thence westward along the boundary of the township of Halliwell to the point at which the same meets Dean Brook; thence westward up Dean Brook to Smithills Bridge; thence eastward along Pilkington-street to Top-o'-the-Lane; thence southward along Cooper's-lane to the point at which the same meets the Horwich-road; thence southward in a straight line to the point at which the boundary between the townships of Halliwell and Heaton meets the boundary of the township of Little Bolton; and the several parts of the townships of Rumworth and Over Hulton contained within the boundary of the township of Great Bolton, and a line from the boundary stone at the point at which the Houghton-road meets the boundary of the township of Great Bolton; thence southward in a straight line to the point at which the St. Helen's-road meets



meets the southern boundary of the township of Over Hulton; thence eastward along the boundary of the township of Over Hulton to the part at which the same meets the boundary of the township of Great Bolton; and the part of the township of Darcy Lever contained within the boundary of the township of Haulgh and a line from the point at which the boundary between the township of Great Lever and Darcy Lever meets the boundary of the township of Haulgh; thence southward along the boundary of the township of Darcy Lever to Hacken wooden bridge; thence northward in a straight line to Bradshaw Bridge over the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway; thence northward in a straight line to the south-easternmost part of the boundary of the township of Tongue; thence westward along the boundary of the township of Tongue to the point at which the same meets the boundary of the township of Haulgh.

Bolton.

(4.) Damside.

(signed) *F. W. Gibbs.*  
*H. M. Hozier.*

## 2.—PETITIONS.

### PETITION of the Local Board for the District of *Astley Bridge*, in the County of *Lancaster*.

The humble Petition of the Local Board for the District of *Astley Bridge*, in the County of *Lancaster*, under the Seal of the said Local Board and the Hands of Five of the Members thereof,

Showeth,

THAT a Bill has been introduced into your Honourable House, and is now pending therein, intituled "An Act to settle and describe the Limits of certain Boroughs and the Divisions of certain Counties in England and Wales, in so far as respects the Election of Members to serve in Parliament."

That the *Astley Bridge* district comprises the lower end of the township of *Sharples* and four several detached portions of the higher end of the township of *Little Bolton*, which lie to the north of the borough of *Bolton*; and these several parts of townships were formed into a district by authority of the Secretary of State in December 1863, and "The Local Government Act, 1858" was duly adopted therein in the month of January 1864.

That it is proposed by the said Bill that the boundary of the borough of *Bolton* shall, for all purposes relating to the election of Members to serve in Parliament, comprise "the present borough of *Bolton-le-Moors* (including that part of the township of *Little Bolton* lying to the north of *Astley Brook*, and called *Little Bolton Higher End*), and so much of the townships of *Sharples* and *Halliwell* as lies between the present boundary of the borough" and the boundary therein particularly specified and described.

That the allegation in the said Bill, that any part of *Little Bolton Higher End*, has ever been included within the present borough of *Bolton* is inaccurate and contrary to the fact.

That no portion of the said district of *Astley Bridge* has hitherto been included within either the Parliamentary or municipal boundaries of the borough of *Bolton*, and your Petitioners and the inhabitants of the said district of *Astley Bridge* are strongly opposed to the extension of the Parliamentary boundary of the borough, so as to include any part of such district.

That at the Court held by the Boundary Assistant Commissioners at *Bolton*, in September last, your Petitioners opposed any extension of the Parliamentary limits of the borough, which might include any portion of the *Astley Bridge* district, and their opposition was supported by a memorial signed by 420 male inhabitant householders, nearly all of whom were resident in that part of the district now proposed to be included within the extended Parliamentary limits.

That the number of Parliamentary electors on the register for the borough of *Bolton* in the year 1865-6 was, according to the Boundary Commissioners' Report, 2,186, and the total number of male occupiers in 1866 was, on the same authority, 12,213, of whom 9,476 were at a rental below 10 £, so that without any extension of the boundaries the number of voters at the next Parliamentary election will, in all probability, be increased by at least 10,000.

That your Petitioners further object to the extension of the Parliamentary limits, because that Act might afford a pretext for the corporation of the borough seeking the earliest opportunity of making the municipal boundary of the borough co-extensive with the Parliamentary boundary, and so of incorporating the most valuable and important portion of the *Astley Bridge* district with the municipal borough, and very materially increasing the rates upon the property within that part of the district.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honourable House that the said Bill may not pass into a law as it now stands, and that no portion of the *Astley Bridge* district may be included within the Parliamentary boundary of the borough of *Bolton*.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

5 Signatures.

Bolton.

PETITION of the Local Board for the District of *Halliwell*, in the County of *Lancaster*.

The humble Petition of the Local Board for the District of *Halliwell*, in the County of *Lancaster*, under the Seal of the said Local Board, and the Hands of Five of the Members thereof,

Showeth,

THAT a Bill has been introduced into your Honourable House, and is now pending therein, intituled "A Bill to settle and describe the Limits of certain Boroughs and the Divisions of certain Counties in England and Wales, in so far as respects the Election of Members to serve in Parliament."

That the township of *Halliwell* was duly constituted a district under "The Local Government Act, 1858," and the provisions of such last-mentioned Act were adopted within the said district in the year 1863.

That no portion of the said district of *Halliwell* has hitherto been included within either the Parliamentary or municipal boundaries of the borough of *Bolton*, and your petitioners and the inhabitants of the said district of *Halliwell* are strongly opposed to the extension of the Parliamentary boundary of the borough, so as to include any part of such district.

That at the court held by the Boundary Assistant Commissioners at *Bolton* in September last, your Petitioners opposed any extension of the Parliamentary limits for the borough which might include any portion of the *Halliwell* district, and their opposition was supported by a memorial, signed by 808 male inhabitant householders, nearly all of whom were resident in that portion of the district now sought to be included within the proposed Parliamentary limits.

That the number of electors on the register for the Parliamentary borough of *Bolton* in the years 1865 and 1866 was, according to the Boundary Commissioners' Report, 2,186; and the total number of male occupiers in 1866 was, upon the same authority, 12,213, of whom 9,476 were at a rental below 10 £, so that, without any extension of the boundaries, the number of voters at the next Parliamentary election will in all probability be increased by at least 10,000.

That your Memorialists further object to the extension of the Parliamentary limits, because that Act might afford a pretext for the corporation of the borough seeking to make the municipal boundary of the borough co-extensive with the Parliamentary boundary, and so for incorporating the most valuable portion of the *Halliwell* district with the municipal borough, and very materially increasing the rates upon the property within that part of the district.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray your Honourable House that the said Bill may not pass into a law as it now stands, and that no portion of the *Halliwell* district may be included within the Parliamentary boundary of the borough of *Bolton*.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

5 Signatures.

PETITION of Householders and Ratepayers of the Townships of *Halliwell* and *Sharpley*, in the County of *Lancaster*.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom in Parliament assembled :

The humble Petition of the undersigned Householders and Ratepayers of the Townships of *Halliwell* and *Sharpley*, in the County of *Lancaster*,

Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners are resident within those portions of the townships of *Halliwell* and *Sharpley* which, by the Report of the Boundary Commissioners of England and Wales, now before your Honourable House, are recommended to be included within the borough of *Bolton* for Parliamentary purposes.

That your Petitioners are very desirous that the recommendation of the said Boundary Commissioners should be carried out, inasmuch as the portions of the said townships mentioned in the said Report form, in fact, a portion of the town of *Bolton*, being immediately adjacent to it, and a continuation of its streets and houses.

That great numbers of the residents in the portions of the said townships above mentioned have works and find employment in the borough of *Bolton*, whilst numbers of persons resident in the borough of *Bolton* find employment in the said portions of the said townships.

That there are upwards of 1,400 male occupiers in the portions of the said townships proposed to be included within the borough of *Bolton*, the greatest number of whom would be entitled to vote in the election of Members of Parliament for the said borough, if the recommendation of the said Commissioners is carried out, whilst there are only 145 persons in the same district who will be county voters under the new Reform Bill.

That the opposition to the adoption of the said Report of the Commissioners is caused solely by a fear that the extension of the Parliamentary boundaries of the said borough will be followed by a corresponding extension of the municipal boundary of the said borough.

That



That your Memorialists, though strongly against incorporation with the borough of Bolton for municipal purposes, do not fear any such result following the adoption of the said Report.

Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to confirm the Report of the said Commissioners in so far as it affects the borough of Bolton.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

[90 Signatures.]

### 3.—MEMORIALS.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled :

The humble Petition of the Local Board, for the District of Astley Bridge, in the County of Lancaster, under the Seal of the Local Board, and the Hands of Five of the Members thereof,

Showeth,

THAT a Bill has been introduced into your Honourable House, and is now pending therein, intituled "An Act to settle and describe the Limits of Certain Boroughs and the Divisions of certain Counties in England and Wales, in so far as respects the Election of Members to serve in Parliament."

That the Astley Bridge district comprises the lower end of the township of Sharples, and four several detached portions of the higher end of the township of Little Bolton, which lie to the north of the borough of Bolton, and these several parts of townships were formed into a district by authority of the Secretary of State in December 1863, and "The Local Government Act, 1858," was duly adopted therein in the month of January 1864.

That it is proposed by the said Bill that the boundary of the borough of Bolton shall for all purposes relating to the election of Members to serve in Parliament, comprise "the present borough of Bolton-le-Moors (including that part of the township of Little Bolton, lying to the north of Astley Brook, and called Little Bolton Higher End), and so much of the townships of Sharples and Halliwell as lies between the present boundary of the borough" and the boundary therein particularly specified and described.

That the allegation in the said Bill that any part of Little Bolton Higher End, has ever been included within the present borough of Bolton, is inaccurate and contrary to the fact.

That no portion of the said district of Astley Bridge has hitherto been included within either the Parliamentary or municipal boundaries of the borough of Bolton; and your Petitioners, and the inhabitants of the said district of Astley Bridge, are strongly opposed to the extension of the Parliamentary boundary of the borough, so as to include any part of such district.

That at the Court held by the Boundary Assistant Commissioners at Bolton in September last, your Petitioners opposed any extension of the Parliamentary limits of the borough which might include any portion of the Astley Bridge district, and their opposition was supported by a Memorial, signed by 420 male inhabitant householders, nearly all of whom were resident in that part of the district now proposed to be included with the extended Parliamentary limits.

That the number of Parliamentary electors on the register for the borough of Bolton in the year 1865-6 was, according to the Boundary Commissioners' Report, 2,186; and that the total number of male occupiers in 1866, was on the same authority 12,213, of whom 9,476 were at a rental below 10 £; so that without any extension of the boundaries the number of voters at the next Parliamentary election will, in all probability, be increased by at least 10,000.

That your Petitioners further object to the extension of the Parliamentary limits, because that Act might afford a pretext for the corporation of the borough seeking the earliest opportunity of making the municipal boundary of the borough co-extensive with the Parliamentary boundary, and so of incorporating the most valuable and important portion of the Astley Bridge district with the municipal borough, and very materially increasing the rates upon the property within that part of the district.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honourable House that the said Bill may not pass into a law as it now stands; and that no portion of the Astley Bridge district may be included within the Parliamentary boundary of the borough of Bolton.

And Your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.



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## 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

LETTER from Mr. *Barnes*, M.P., addressed to the Clerk of the Committee.

Sir,

20 May 1868.

I HAVE received your favour, informing me that the Committee on Boundaries of Boroughs will be glad to confer with me to-morrow upon the case of the borough of Bolton if I have anything to say.

I beg to thank the Committee for their invitation to attend, but as I have had no complaints or communications from the Corporation, or any part of the borough, respecting the proposed boundaries, I presume they are satisfied or indifferent about the matter, and I have therefore nothing to say.

Charles Eales, Esq.

I am, &c.  
(signed) *Thos. Barnes.*

LETTER addressed to the Chairman of the Committee.

Sir,

Halliwell, 20 May 1868.

As a large ratepayer in that part of the township of Halliwell proposed to be incorporated for Parliamentary purposes with the borough of Bolton, I beg leave most respectfully to support the recommendation of the Boundaries Commissioners, and to request that time be granted to me to appear before your Committee in support of such recommendation.

Petitions are in course of being signed by the ratepayers of the township of Halliwell and Sharples in favour of the recommendation of the Commissioners, and will be presented in the course of a day or two.

To the Chairman of the Select Committee  
on the Boroughs Boundary Bill.

I am, &c.  
(signed) *Nathaniel Greenhalgh.*

PAPER handed in (with a Map), by Mr. *Algernon Egerton*, M.P.

[House of Commons—Session 1868.]

BOUNDARIES OF BOROUGHs BILL.—Borough of Bolton-le-Moors.

FURTHER STATEMENTS ON BEHALF of the Local Boards of the Districts of Astley Bridge and Halliwell.

Against the Bill.

An Ordnance Map of the district adjacent to the borough of Bolton is presented herewith. The portion uncoloured represents the present Parliamentary and municipal borough of Bolton. The parts coloured blue and yellow, with a red boundary margin, show the Astley Bridge district, and the part coloured light brown shows the district of Halliwell. The dark brown boundary line shows the proposed extension of the Parliamentary boundary.

The present boundaries of the borough of Bolton are well known ancient and clearly-defined township boundaries, and have always been included within the operation of Local Acts.

The Astley Bridge district comprises four detached portions of Little Bolton, which on the map are coloured blue, and two parts of Sharples Lower End, which are coloured yellow. The higher end of Little Bolton has, since the year 1827, been separated from the lower end of Little Bolton for highway purposes, and excluded from the operation of the Local Improvement Acts. There is a strongly defined natural boundary formed by the Astley Brook, which runs in a deep valley separating the borough from the Astley Bridge district.

These portions of townships were so intricately intermixed and deficient in local management, that it was found necessary to form them into one district, and to apply the provisions of "The Local Government Act, 1858," thereto, and this has produced the most beneficial consequences.

The township of Halliwell has a large area, with well-known and defined boundaries, and the provisions of the Local Government Act were adopted in 1863.

As stated in the Petitions which have been already presented to the House of Commons, there has always been, and still continues, one strong feeling of opposition on the part of the inhabitants both of Astley Bridge and Halliwell, to any connection with the borough of Bolton, either for municipal or Parliamentary purposes. It is felt that for political purposes, the comparatively small addition which would be furnished from these districts at a Parliamentary election, would be swamped in the mass of household voters in the present borough, and the districts would prefer that they should continue to vote for county Members rather than for the Members of the borough.

If the portions of the districts proposed to be included were so included within the borough Parliamentary limits, the corporation of the borough of Bolton would never cease their exertions until they had made their municipal limits co-extensive with the Parliamentary

mentary boundary, and made these parts of the district contribute to the local taxation of the borough, whose Parliamentary privileges they joined in exercising.

The effects of such a subdivision of the districts, would be in the highest degree injurious to the interest of the inhabitants. The debt of the borough of Bolton now exceeds half a million of money, and those parts of Halliwell and Astley Bridge, which should be included in its municipal limits, and which comprise the most populous, and for rating purposes the most valuable parts of such districts, would be subjected to the very heavy local taxation which prevails in the borough, whilst the parts of the districts which remained unabsorbed, would have their rates increased to maintain the highways, and promote the necessary sanitary and other improvements which might be required therein.

If the extension of the borough limits had been to include the whole of some adjacent township or district, exercising sole local authority, probably no great inconveniences might have been experienced if the inhabitants preferred such a connection; but in a case like the present, where local Boards exist, exercising nearly all the powers of a municipal corporation within their respective districts, the proposed interference would paralyse their powers and leave them only an agricultural area, subject to their control, and the following will be the results as applicable to the two districts:—

Bolton.

## ASTLEY BRIDGE DISTRICT.

|                                                                                      |   |   |   |   |   |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----------|
|                                                                                      |   |   |   |   |   | £.       |
| The rateable value of the entire district is                                         | - | - | - | - | - | 15,576   |
| The amount which would be included within the proposed Parliamentary limits would be | - | - | - | - | - | 6,709    |
| Leaving within the local Board district                                              |   |   |   |   |   | £. 8,867 |
|                                                                                      |   |   |   |   |   |          |
| The number of dwelling-houses within the entire district is                          | - | - | - | - | - | 857      |
| Within proposed Parliamentary limit                                                  | - | - | - | - | - | 600      |
| Leaving only                                                                         |   |   |   |   |   | 257      |

within the limits of the local Board.

The length of the highways within the district which are repaired out of the district rates is 5 miles and 706 yards.

The portion which would be included within the Parliamentary limits, would be only 1 mile and 244 yards, leaving the local Board liable to repair 4 miles and 462 yards of highway rates out of their diminished resources.

## HALLIWELL DISTRICT.

|                                                                  |   |   |   |   |   |                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----------------------|
|                                                                  |   |   |   |   |   | £.                    |
| The rateable value of the property within the entire district is | - | - | - | - | - | 24,907                |
| Within the proposed Parliamentary limits                         | - | - | - | - | - | 14,584                |
| Leaving within the Local Board district                          |   |   |   |   |   | £. 10,323             |
|                                                                  |   |   |   |   |   |                       |
| Total area of the district                                       | - | - | - | - | - | 2,479 statute acres.  |
| Within proposed Parliamentary limits                             | - | - | - | - | - | 363 "                 |
| Leaving                                                          |   |   |   |   |   | 2,116 acres, which is |

almost wholly agricultural and moorland.

|                                                        |   |   |   |   |   |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| The number of dwelling-houses in the township are      | - | - | - | - | - | 1,519 |
| Within parts proposed to be added to borough of Bolton | - | - | - | - | - | 1,151 |
| Leaving only                                           |   |   |   |   |   | 368   |

within the limits of the local Board.

The highways repairable by the local Board out of their district rates, are in length 4 miles and 754 yards.

The portion within the parts to be added to the borough, is 1 mile and 534 yards, leaving three miles to be kept in repair by the Board out of their diminished resources.

In conclusion, it is to be observed, that the local Boards of both districts have already borrowed considerable sums of money for carrying out sanitary and other important permanent improvements within their respective districts, and nearly the whole of the moneys so borrowed have been expended within those portions of the districts which would be included within the proposed extension of the Parliamentary limits of the borough.

*Thomas Dawson,*  
Clerk to the Local Boards for Halliwell and Astley Bridge.

The first of these is the fact that the Government have not yet decided whether they will support the Bill. The second is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Commons. The third is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Lords. The fourth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Representatives. The fifth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Deputies. The sixth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Senators. The seventh is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Knights. The eighth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Bishops. The ninth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Clergy. The tenth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Monks. The eleventh is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Nuns. The twelfth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Friars. The thirteenth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Priests. The fourteenth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Pastors. The fifteenth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Ministers. The sixteenth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Elders. The seventeenth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Rulers. The eighteenth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Judges. The nineteenth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Lawyers. The twentieth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Doctors. 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The sixty-first is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Commentators. The sixty-second is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Analysts. The sixty-third is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Researchers. The sixty-fourth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Scientists. The sixty-fifth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Inventors. The sixty-sixth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Discoverers. The sixty-seventh is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Explorers. The sixty-eighth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Adventurers. The sixty-ninth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Risk-takers. 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The seventy-ninth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Fame-men. The eightieth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Honor-men. The eighty-first is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Glory-men. The eighty-second is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Splendor-men. The eighty-third is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Grandeur-men. The eighty-fourth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Magnificence-men. The eighty-fifth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Nobility-men. The eighty-sixth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Aristocracy-men. The eighty-seventh is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Royalty-men. The eighty-eighth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Monarchy-men. The eighty-ninth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Empire-men. The ninetieth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of World-men. The hundredth is the fact that the Bill has not yet been introduced into the House of Universe-men.



## BRISTOL.

Bristol.

## 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

THE borough of Bristol consists of 22 parishes, and parts of the parishes of Bedminster and Westbury-on-Trym.

Its Parliamentary limits are described as follows, in the Act 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 64, Schedule O:—"From the point on the north-east of the city at which the eastern boundary of the out-parish of St. Paul meets the north-western boundary of the out-parish of St. Philip and Jacob, eastward, along the boundary of the parish of St. Philip and Jacob to that point thereof which is nearest to the point at which the Wells-road leaves the Bath-road; thence in a straight line to the said point at which the Wells-road leaves the Bath-road; thence along the Wells-road to the Knowle Turnpike-gate; thence along the road which leads from the Knowle Turnpike-gate to Bedminster Church to the point at which the same is crossed by Bedminster-brook; thence along Bedminster-brook to the point at which the same crosses the road from Locks-mill to Bedminster; thence along the last-mentioned road, passing the southern extremity of the village of Bedminster, to the point at which the same meets the brook at Marsh-pit; thence along the last-mentioned brook to the point at which the same meets the boundary of the parish of Clifton; thence, northward, along the boundary of the parish of Clifton to the boundary stone marked (C. P.) and (W. P.) 12, marking the north-eastern angle of the boundary of the parish of Clifton, and situate on Durdham Down, east of the Shirehampton-road; thence in a straight line to the southernmost point at which the boundary of the tything of Stoke Bishop meets Parry's-lane; thence, eastward, along the boundary of the tything of Stoke Bishop to the point at which the same joins the boundary of the out-parish of St. Paul; thence, northward, along the boundary of the out-parish of St. Paul to the point first described."

The population in 1861 was 154,093, showing an increase of 49,685 since 1831; and is estimated in 1867 at 164,000.

The number of inhabited houses in 1861 was 23,590.

The number of electors on the register of 1865-6 was—

|                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |        |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------|
| £. 10 occupiers | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10,697 |
| Freeholders     | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,920  |
| Freemen         | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,707  |
|                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 14,324 |
| Double entries  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 3,021  |
| Actual number   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 11,303 |

The total number of male occupations in 1866 was 22,283, of which 8,321 were below 10 l.

The city of Bristol consists of 22 small parishes, and part of the parishes of Bedminster and Westbury-on-Trym, almost the whole of which is now occupied by buildings. Contents of city.

The population in 1861 was 154,093, and the number of inhabited houses 23,590; and it is estimated that at the present time, there are at least 10,000 more people and 2,000 more houses, besides great numbers that are in course of building. Population, &c.

Villas and large houses have now very nearly absorbed the whole of the parish of Clifton, and the labouring classes are extending principally in the direction of the parish of St. George. Extensions of City.

The Parliamentary and municipal boundaries of the city are identical; but the city authorities have lately become possessed of Durdham Down, under the powers of a recent Act of Parliament, which prohibits any building thereon, and it is within their jurisdiction for police, lighting, and other improvement purposes. Jurisdiction of the Municipality.

Durdham Down, part of which is in the parish of Clifton, and so already within the borough, consists of some 400 acres of splendid turf, interspersed with broken ground, extends from the banks of the Avon for about one mile and a quarter in length, by an average of half a mile in breadth, forming a tract of open land between the houses at that part of Clifton and Sneed Park. Durdham Down.

Local Improvement Acts of 1840 and 1847, and the Local Government Act, are in force throughout the whole area of the city, and the town council are the local Board. Local Acts.

A comprehensive plan was laid before us for increasing the Parliamentary area. It proposes to include portions of six adjoining parishes, viz., Westbury-on-Trym, Horfield, Stapleton, and St. George, in Gloucestershire, and Brislington and Bedminster in Somersetshire. Plan proposed.

- Bristol.

Parish of Westbury-on-Trym.
- Commencing at the River Avon at Sea Mills, so much of the parish of Westbury-on-Trym as lies between the present borough boundary and the River Trym at Sea Mills, following the Trym to where it is crossed by the turnpike road from Shirehampton to Bristol, thence along the turnpike road to the top of the hill at Stoke Bishop, and thence along Stoke-lane to Westbury Village, thence by the River Trym and Chock-lane to Southmead and the parish boundary.
- Parish of Horfield.

2.
- So much of the parish of Horfield as lies between the present boundary of the borough and Horfield Common and Ashley Down.
- Stapleton.

3.
- A small portion of the parish of Stapleton at Ashley Down, and extending to the Bristol and South Wales Union Railway, near the station at Ashley-hill.
- St. George.

4.
- So much of the parish of St. George as lies between the present borough boundary and the road leading from Clay-hill to St. George's Church, and thence to the River Avon at Crew's Hole.
- Brislington.

5.
- From Crew's Hole up the River Avon to Conham, and thence by the road which leads to the turnpike road leading from Brislington to Kenysham, near the Cherry Orchard, and thence following the turnpike road through the village of Brislington to Knowle-lane, and thence along the Bedminster boundary.
- Bedminster.

6.
- So much of the parish of Bedminster as lies north of Knowle-lane, and continuing along that road to the point at Lower Knowle where that road joins the present borough boundary at St. John's-lane.

APPROXIMATE STATISTICS.

|                             | Acreage. | Rateable Value. | Houses in 1861. | Population. |
|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
|                             |          | £.              |                 |             |
| Part of Westbury - - - -    | 1,200    | 13,792          | 361             | 1,805       |
| Part of Horfield - - - -    | 420      | 5,012           | 392             | 2,352       |
| Part of Stapleton - - - -   | 45       | 660             | 38              | 228         |
| Part of St. George - - - -  | 900      | 11,334          | 1,294           | 7,117       |
| Part of Brislington - - - - | 950      | 3,548           | 150             | 900         |
| Part of Bedminster - - - -  | 275      | 4,780           | 270             | 1,485       |
| TOTAL - - -                 | 3,790    | 39,126          | 2,505           | 13,887      |

Argument in support of this plan.

Westbury.

Sneed Park.

Stoke Bishop.

Village of Westbury.

Horfield ; facts as regards.

Bishopston.

Stapleton, facts.

It was argued with considerable force with regard to some parts of this plan, that the natural drainage lay towards Bristol, the sewage of which now goes straight into the Avon, and that if in future years it should become necessary to carry the sewage lower down the river, the drainage area would of necessity include most of these districts.

1. As regards Sneed Park, in the parish of Westbury, the facts are these: it lies on the side of Durdham Down, opposite to the north-west end of Clifton, and about thirty large mansions are now built or in course of building close to the Down for wealthy men of business in Bristol.

If Sneed Park be added, it would be better to take in the tithing of Stoke Bishop (which we have dotted blue), as the rest of that tithing is occupied by wealthy men with large houses, and some 40 or 50 acres of pasture land attached.

But there is a very unanimous feeling amongst them against being included, as they are independent of the city in respect of gas and drainage, which they have provided for themselves, and are further separated by Durdham Down.

As far as the village and the remaining part of Westbury-on-Trym is concerned, the land between the northern point of Clifton and the village, a distance of about a mile, is occupied by large houses and small parks, and is not likely to be built over at present; and in the village of Westbury itself the country element predominates.

Horfield has of late years been largely built upon, particularly on the side where it adjoins the city. This district, which is called Bishopston, is now, to all intents and purposes, part of Bristol. The main street runs alongside the boundary, and joins a street of the city. The inhabitants have recently constructed a system of drainage, and paid a sum of money to the authorities of Bristol for the privilege of draining into their sewers.

The Small Tenements Act is not in force in the parish.

Bishopston last year adopted the Local Government Act, and a district was assigned and marked out by order of the Secretary of State. We have coloured this district blue. It comprehends the town portion of Horfield; and we think that the rest of the parish ought to be left in the county.

Stapleton.—There are only a very few houses in Stapleton on the edge of the city. The village lies two miles off. The parish has adopted the Small Tenements Act, and 1,700 houses



houses compound under it. We think it hardly worth while to upset these arrangements for such a trifling addition.

Bristol.

St. George is increasing very fast; in fact, the whole parish is a mass of houses and market-gardens, and the new houses are fast pushing the market-gardens into the country.

St. George; description.

There is a dense population in streets that run into and adjoin the streets of the city; and there is a continuous line of houses on each side of the road that runs eastward through the parish from beginning to end.

Population.

The line proposed in the plan before us, and coloured yellow, cuts the parish nearly in half, both as regards population and area.

Line proposed to cut parish.

There is no regular sewerage; but the natural drainage is towards Bristol and the River Avon, and we were informed that the parochial authorities intend to carry out a general system of sewerage as soon as the boundary question is decided. Here, as elsewhere, they are looking forward to a speedy alteration of the municipal boundaries.

Drainage question.

The greater part of the inhabitants of St. George's work in the city, many of them in some large cotton mills just on the boundary; and the remainder cultivate the market-gardens above mentioned.

Occupation of inhabitants.

There is a very considerable population just beyond the borders of this parish, but their occupations lie rather in the direction of the coalpits in the country, and not towards Bristol.

Population beyond the parish.

The statistics of the whole parish of St. George is as follows:—

Statistics of the parish.

|            | Houses.     | Population.      |              |
|------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1861 - - - | 2,120 - - - | 10,276 }         | 1,760 acres. |
| 1867 - - - | 2,614 - - - | (about) 12,500 } |              |

The estimate of 1867 is taken from the last poor's rate, made last July, and does not include about 200 houses now building. The gross estimated rental of the parish is 31,622 *l*.

The parish is coloured blue.

Brislington is a pretty country parish. The village lies some way from Bristol, and there is no appearance of any extension in that direction.

Brislington.

There are two or three streets of houses adjoining the city boundary, in the part of Bedminster proposed to be added; the population is strictly urban, and we approve of the boundary line suggested; it is coloured blue.

Bedminster.

There is no other outskirt of the city that requires notice.

The additions which we suggest are as follows; they are coloured blue:

Our suggestions.

1. The district in the parish of Horfield, in the county of Gloucester, called Bishopston, which has adopted the Local Government Act, 1858, and the boundaries of which are set forth in an order of the Secretary of State concerning the same, published in the "London Gazette" of 18th May 1866.

Bishopston.

2. The parish of St. George, in the county of Gloucester.

St. George.

3. So much of the parish of Bedminster, in the county of Somerset, as is bounded on the south by Knowle-lane, on the west and north by the present city boundary, and on the east by the parish of Brislington."

Bedminster

(signed) C. W. Wilson,  
Captain, R.E.  
John Stratford Dugdale.

## 2.—PETITIONS.

— None. —

## 3.—MEMORIALS.

MEMORIAL forwarded to the Select Committee on Boundary of Boroughs.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,  
in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Ratepayers, Owners and Occupiers of Lands,  
in the Parish of St. George, in the County of Gloucester—

Showeth,

That by the "Boundary Bill" now pending in your Honourable House it is proposed to annex the said parish to the borough of Bristol.

That said parish is only partially adjacent to said borough.

That the area of said parish comprises 1,760 acres; the population, at the Census of 1861, was 10,276, being less than six inhabitants to an acre; and the annual rateable value is 26,000 *l*.

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That,



Bristol.

That, except the comparatively small part which borders upon Bristol, the parish may be said to be only "dotted" with habitations; and a century, if not centuries, must elapse before even the greater part of its surface can be covered with houses; not one-sixth part has yet been built upon, and what has been built upon has been the gradual work of centuries.

That the principal portion of the land is used for agricultural purposes, being cultivated as pasture and arable, and as market-gardens for the supply of Bristol and South Wales, which create a constant and growing demand for horticultural produce that renders garden land too valuable to be generally built upon.

That a considerable quantity of land can hardly, if ever, become available for building purposes, many acres being church property; there being several large collieries and manufacturing in work (which would not be suffered in the borough, or in a densely-populated locality), many extinct coal-pits, sundry exhausted quarries, and others in work, besides numerous abrupt inequalities and peculiarities of surface, which would render building ineligible, not to say impracticable.

That nearly three-fourths of the property in said parish consists of what may be described as "cottage property," the owners of which now avail themselves of the Small Tenement Compounding Act, which is a benefit to them, a great saving of time and expense in the collection of the rates, and of loss to the parish, all which benefits would be annulled if the parish were, wholly or in part, incorporated with the Borough of Bristol; at present the amount of poor-rates compounded for is 210 *l.* 3 *s.* 7 *d.*, which, if not compounded for, would be 420 *l.* 7 *s.* 2 *d.*

That the borough already contains more than 160,000 inhabitants, and the number of voters on the register is 14,000; so that if its bounds should be extended, by the addition of St. George's parish (the circumference of which is 10 miles, and its population 10,276), it would become equitably entitled to a third member, thereby at once disturbing the allocation of representatives, as fixed by the Reform Act.

That the proposed annexation would disfranchise more of the inhabitants of the parish than it would enfranchise, because many of them have votes already in the borough, and annexation would only duplicate their qualification there, while it would deprive them of their present county franchise.

That the population of St. George, though in part locally suburban, is essentially rural, and has little congruity with that of Bristol.

That the parish and the borough are equally opposed to annexation.

That if it be suggested that annexation for electoral purposes would lead to annexation for municipal purposes, and would, therefore, ultimately tend to the better local government of the parish, the answer is threefold: 1st, its highways (about 54 miles in length) are managed by a Board constituted 25 years ago, under 4 & 5 Will. 4, c. 50, s. 18; 2nd, its sewerage is under a committee appointed by the local authority, that is, the vestry, which consists of all persons who are assessed to the poor-rate; and, 3rd, if at any time it should be deemed advisable, the parish would readily adopt the Local Government Act, which would render its local and internal government as perfect as that of Bristol. At this time surveys are being made for the more effectually draining certain parts of the parish.

That at a numerously attended public vestry meeting of the parish, held the 3rd day of October 1867, to consider what course it would be advisable for the parishioners to take with reference to the probable extension of the bounds of the borough of Bristol into this parish—

It was resolved, "that in the opinion of this vestry it is not desirable that any part of the parish of St. George should be annexed to the borough of Bristol for electoral purposes."

All which facts, reasons, and premises are humbly submitted to your Honourable House.

And your Petitioners therefore humbly pray, that their said parish of St. George may be wholly omitted from the said Boundary Bill.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[161 Signatures.

#### 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

LETTER addressed to the Committee by the Hon. *F. H. F. Berkeley, M.P.*

To the Select Committee on Boundaries of Boroughs.

As one of the Members for the city and county of Bristol, I strongly am of opinion that the inclusion of the parish of St. George, and other adjacent parts within the boundaries of the city of Bristol is most objectionable.

It is not sought for by the inhabitants of West Gloucestershire, and objected to by my constituents in Bristol.

I intended to have made this statement, according to the invitation of Mr. Eales to attend the Boundary Commission, but my health not permitting my attendance I beg to make my views known to them.

(signed) *F. Henry F. Berkeley.*

LETTER addressed to the Clerk of the Committee by the Hon. *F. H. F. Berkeley*, M.P.

Bristol.

My dear Sir,

Victoria Square, S.W., 24 May 1868.

IN reference to a summons you were kind enough to transmit to me to attend, on the subject of the boundary question in the city and county of Bristol and county of Gloucester, I regret that I am unable to attend the Committee to-morrow, from the state of my health. I do not, however, hesitate to state my opinion, as I know it to be that of the West Gloucester and Bristol constituencies, viz., that any amalgamation with the St. George and Stapleton District is as ill-suited to the county as it is to the city. If you will lay my opinion before the Boundary Committee I shall be much obliged.

And am, &c.

Charles Eales, Esq.

(signed) *F. Henry F. Berkeley*.

STATEMENT handed in by Colonel *Somerset*, M.P., 25 May 1868.

PARISH OF ST. GEORGE.

The parish of St. George contains 1,760 acres.

|                                                                                                                     |   |   |   |   |   |            |                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|------------|----------------|
| The gross estimated value in 1867 was                                                                               | - | - | - | - | - | -          | £. 21,622. 15. |
| The rateable value at the same time                                                                                 | - | - | - | - | - | -          | £. 26,367. 5.  |
| Number of houses in 1861                                                                                            | - | - | - | - | - | -          | 2,120          |
| Number of houses in 1867                                                                                            | - | - | - | - | - | -          | 2,614          |
| Number of houses in 1868                                                                                            | - | - | - | - | - | (computed) | 2,750          |
| Number of houses at and above 12 <i>l.</i> rateable value                                                           | - | - | - | - | - | -          | 305            |
| Population in 1861, according to Census                                                                             | - | - | - | - | - | -          | 10,276         |
| Population in 1867, computed at                                                                                     | - | - | - | - | - | -          | 12,500         |
| Number on present register, West Gloucestershire                                                                    | - | - | - | - | - | -          | 469            |
| Freeholders                                                                                                         | - | - | - | - | - | -          | 438            |
| Occupiers                                                                                                           | - | - | - | - | - | -          | 31             |
| Number of occupiers above 12 <i>l.</i> rateable value                                                               | - | - | - | - | - | -          | 305            |
| Already registered                                                                                                  | - | - | - | - | - | -          | 31             |
| Number to be added                                                                                                  | - | - | - | - | - | -          | 274            |
| Number of houses                                                                                                    | - | - | - | - | - | -          | 2,750          |
| Less 10 per cent. for occupiers not qualified, being females, and those not paying rates and otherwise disqualified | - | - | - | - | - | -          | 275            |
| Number of occupiers qualified                                                                                       | - | - | - | - | - | -          | 2,475          |
| Less number on present register                                                                                     | - | - | - | - | - | -          | 31             |
| Number who would be enfranchised under the new qualification as occupiers, if the parish is added to the borough    | - | - | - | - | - | -          | 2,444          |
| Number added as borough voters                                                                                      | - | - | - | - | - | -          | 2,444          |
| Number added as county voters                                                                                       | - | - | - | - | - | -          | 274            |
| Difference, being number left unenfranchised                                                                        | - | - | - | - | - | -          | 2,170          |

Bristol.

In addition to the evidences contained in the foregoing figures, there are the following facts, the statements in the Commissioner's Report:—

“There is a dense population in streets that run into and adjoin the streets of the city, and there is a continuous line of houses on each side of the road that runs eastward through the parish.”

And that sanitary considerations will make it imperative that a complete system of drainage should be adopted for so large an area of population, and that the only outlet such drainage can have, in consequence of the levels of the parish, is the main sewer of the city.

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## CHELSEA AND KENSINGTON.

## I.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Blackheath, 24 September 1867.

Chelsea and  
Kensington.

IN obedience to your instructions, we have to report that the temporary boundary of the borough of Chelsea is the same as that for municipal purposes under the Local Management Acts, but that the inhabitants consider some parts of it very inconvenient; in fact, boundaries of parishes, where there were formerly but few houses, are generally unsuitable when they become covered with dwellings.

The inhabitants approve of the *eastern* boundary of the borough, which runs along the *backs* of the houses between streets on each side, whilst they state that great inconvenience, in carrying on municipal as well as electoral business, is caused by the boundary of St. Margaret's, Westminster, *cutting obliquely* through the premises between Sloane-street and the Exhibition-road, and thus *dividing many of the houses*.

We recommend, however, that the boundary between the boroughs of Westminster and Chelsea should not be altered except by tracing that part complained of along the backs of the premises on the north side of the Brompton-road and the east side of Brompton-square, and along the boundary walls of the churchyard and museum to Exhibition-road, which would not increase the area of Westminster materially; and we consider it very important now to establish the best possible boundary on this side of the new borough, when no alteration can easily be made hereafter.

We have shown on the plan, in dark red, the limits of the ground now occupied by rows of houses or villas standing close together, and it will thus appear evident that they extend to Chiswick Church and the end of Turnham-green (which has railways on both sides leading to the City), where we propose to include about 410 acres (all in the parish of Chiswick), containing 933 houses, and a population of about 6,000, principally engaged in business in the metropolis.

As the portion of Brompton which we propose to add to the borough of Westminster contains 212 houses, and a population of about 1,270, the net increase caused by these two alterations would be 721 houses, and a population of about 4,730.

The large tract containing the Kensal-green Cemeteries, the common called Wormwood Scrubs, and the Old Oak Farm belonging to the See of London, with none but farm buildings upon it, the area of which is about 940 acres, is not likely to be wholly built over for 15 years; and we propose to trace the boundary across it, as shown in the plan, on the principles which we find to be approved *in practice*, and keeping to the parish boundaries wherever it is convenient.

The total diminution of the temporary area of the borough of Chelsea will thus amount to 537 acres, which seems very desirable, as it is much larger than that of any other metropolitan borough.

We think it best to state that if it should become possible to alter the boundary on the west side of Kensington Palace, it might be traced with advantage from the south end of Palace-avenue along the back walls of the premises on the east side of Palace-gardens (as shown by dotted lines in purple), so as to include a few houses in the borough of Chelsea, the occupants of which appear to have no interest in Westminster, from which they are completely detached.

It may be remarked also that the inhabitants of Kensington parish complain that the *name* of Chelsea has been given to the new borough, although the population of Kensington is already much larger than that of the parish of Chelsea (in the proportion of 100,000 to 73,000), and that our description of the boundary is such as *not to require alteration* if the title of the former should be adopted.

The following is a description of the boundary which we recommend for the new borough of Chelsea:—

Commencing at a point at low-water mark in the River Thames at the easternmost angle of Corney Park, in the parish of Chiswick, along the eastern boundary of that park, and the backs of the churchyard and of the premises on the south side of Burlington-lane, to the northern angle, of Corney-lane, and thence along the eastern wall of Chiswick Park and a straight line in continuation of it, to a point on the south side of Hogarth-lane and 200 feet from it; thence in a straight line to the angle of Little Sutton-lane nearest to Sutton House on its north-west side, and along the south side of that lane to a point 200 feet from the above-mentioned angle; thence in a straight line to two boundary stones touching each other, on the north side of Brentford-road, where the boundary line of the parish of Acton meets that road, and thence along the boundary lines of Acton and of the

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detached portion of Ealing eastward to its intersection with the boundary of the parish of Hammersmith, near Stamford Brook, and northwards along that boundary line as far as a point in it 200 yards north of the Uxbridge-road; thence in a straight line to a point in the western boundary of the Hammersmith and City Railway premises 300 yards north of the Uxbridge-road, and along that boundary northwards to a point 200 feet west of Wood-lane; thence northwards along a line at the same distance from its west side to a point in the prolongation of the south side of the road under the railway near the "North Pole" Inn, and along the south side of that road to a point near the "North Pole" Inn, in the western boundary line of Kensington parish, and along that boundary northwards as far as the south side of the Grand Junction Canal; thence eastward along the south side of that canal to a point in prolongation of the eastern boundary of the Kensal Green Cemetery, and thence northwards along that boundary and the boundary of Willesden parish to the junction of the boundary of the detached part of Chelsea parish with the boundary of the borough of Marylebone.

We have, &c.

(signed) *P. J. Bainbrigge*,  
Major General, Royal Engineers,

To the Boundary Commissioners for  
England and Wales.

(signed) *N. J. Senior*,  
Assistant Boundary Commissioners.

## 2.—PETITIONS.

PETITION of the Vicar, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Chiswick, and the Chiswick Improvement Commissioners.

The humble Petition of the Vicar, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Chiswick, in the County of Middlesex, and of the Chiswick Improvement Commissioners, under their Common Seal,

Showeth,

THAT a Bill is now pending in your honourable House, intituled "A Bill to settle and describe the Limits of certain Boroughs, and the Divisions of certain Counties in England and Wales, in so far as respects the Election of Members to serve in Parliament."

That by such Bill it is proposed to enlarge the borough of Chelsea, as defined by "The Representation of the People Act, 1867," by comprising within such borough so much of the parish of Chiswick as is included between the boundary of the parish of Hammersmith, the River Thames, and the following boundary, that is to say—

Commencing at the River Thames at the point at which it would be met by Corney-lane, if produced, north-westward along the said lane to its junction with Burlington-lane, thence in the same direction along the eastern wall of the grounds of Chiswick House, and in a straight line in production thereof to the junction of Duke's-avenue with Hogarth-lane, thence westward in a straight line from the said junction to a point in the nearest angle of Little Sutton-lane, 100 feet from the south-west angle of Little Sutton House, thence westward along the said lane for a distance of 200 feet from the aforesaid angle; thence in a straight line northwards to two boundary stones touching each other on the north side of the Brentford-road, where the boundary of the parish of Acton meets that road; thence eastward along the said parish boundary to the point at which it meets the boundary of the detached part of the parish of Ealing; thence along the southern boundary of the said part of the parish of Ealing to the point at which it meets the boundary of the parish of Hammersmith.

That your Petitioners respectfully submit to your honourable House that it is not expedient to include any part of the parish of Chiswick within the borough of Chelsea.

That on the 23rd day of April instant a public meeting of the parishioners of Chiswick, duly convened by circular and notice, was held, at which meeting it was resolved that your Petitioners do take all necessary steps to prevent so much of the Report of the Boundary Commission from being carried into effect as recommends that a portion of the parish of Chiswick should be added to the borough of Chelsea.

That there is no community of interest between the houses in the adjoining parish of Hammersmith and those in the parish of Chiswick, which renders it desirable that the two parishes should form a part of the said borough, neither do such houses form part of a town population common to Hammersmith and Chiswick, nor are there any local circumstances known to your Petitioners which render it expedient or necessary that any part of Chiswick should form part of the said borough.

That the parish of Hammersmith (the western boundary of which parish is also the western boundary of Chelsea, as authorised by the said Act) is within the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Board of Works, and is subject to the provisions of the several Acts relating to the government of the metropolis, which Acts control the rating, sewerage, and parochial government of the parish, whilst the parish of Chiswick is wholly without such area, and has no parochial connection with Hammersmith, and no community of interest.

That



That in the year 1858 "The Chiswick Improvement Act, 1858," was passed into law, whereby large powers were vested in your Petitioners, the Chiswick Improvement Commissioners, and the control of the public roads and highways, and other powers relating to the government and management of the parochial affairs of the parish, were vested in them; and your Petitioners submit that the placing of all or any part of the said parish within the said borough would be prejudicial to the interests of the parishioners, and injurious to the working of such Improvement Act.

That there is a natural and well-defined boundary between the parishes of Chiswick and Hammersmith, running nearly in a straight line northwards from the River Thames, and such boundary is by the first-mentioned Act adopted as the western boundary; and your Petitioners submit that such boundary, whether considered geographically or in a municipal or electoral point of view, or as a matter of convenience, is best adapted for such a purpose, whereas the boundary proposed by the said Bill as the western boundary of the said borough is tortuous, inconvenient, without any natural definition, likely to lead to difficulties, and greatly objectionable to your Petitioners.

That great loss will accrue to the parishioners by reason of the abolition of compounding for small tenements by the owners thereof as enacted by the first-mentioned Act, and that such loss will, in the opinion of your Petitioners, necessitate an addition to the rates of about sixpence in the pound.

That the parochial rates are already very heavy, and that the parish is in great want of a complete system of drainage, having been excluded from the jurisdiction of the late Metropolitan Commissioners of Sewers at a time when it had become incumbent on such Commissioners to drain the parish, and so recoup the parish for the large sums of money it had paid, and has since been compelled to contribute for metropolitan sewage purposes, and the parish is not in a position to sustain, without great hardship, the additional burdens which would be imposed on them by being placed within the borough of Chelsea.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray your Honourable House that the said Bill may be amended by omitting from the second schedule thereof, "Title Chelsea," so much as relates to the said parish of Chiswick.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

5 Signatures.

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### 3.—MEMORIALS.

— None. —




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### 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

— None. —

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## CHELTENHAM.

Cheltenham.

## 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

THE present borough of Cheltenham consists of the parish of Cheltenham, which contains 4,208 acres. Area of Borough.

The town is governed by Commissioners, under the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, which incorporates section 95 of the "Public Health Act, 1848," relative to the composition for rates in houses under 10 *l*. Government.

The population in 1861 was 39,693, and is now estimated at 42,240. Population.

Our attention was directed to three points where the town was said to have spread over the present boundary of the borough, viz.: Prestbury, Charlton Kings, and Leckhampton.

The portion of the parish of Prestbury proposed to be added is coloured yellow on the plan; it includes the Pittville Spa, a few scattered houses near it, and a cluster of small houses on the north-west side of the Prestbury-road. Part of the Marl-hill district, near Pittville Spa, is advertised to be sold for building land, and has been so for several years, but the town has not spread in this direction latterly, nor does it appear likely to do so, and we think it hardly worth while to disturb the existing boundary at this point. Prestbury.

The boundary of the district coloured yellow may be thus described:—From the point on the present boundary where Folly-lane crosses Wyman's Brook, north up Folly-lane to its junction with the road from Swindon to Prestbury, thence east along the said road to its junction with Bouncer's-lane or Cemetery-road, thence south along Bouncer's-lane or Cemetery-road to the present boundary. Boundary proposed to us for Prestbury.

The parish of Prestbury had a population of 1,297 in 1861, and it has slightly increased since. The Small Tenements Act is in force. The boundary of the parish is dotted yellow on the plan. Population.

The addition proposed to us at Charlton Kings is coloured yellow on the plan; it includes a portion of the Battledown estate, which is partly laid out for building, and is advertised for sale, and a number of houses on and near the London-road, which form a continuation of the town of Cheltenham. About a hundred yards beyond the proposed boundary on the London-road the detached houses of the large village of Charlton Kings commence; the village is so near the town, and its interests are becoming so identified with it, that we think any scheme would be objectionable which took in a portion of the parish and left out the village, and we would suggest that if any alteration is made the whole parish be added. Charlton Kings.

Three boundaries are shown on the plan for the information of the Commissioners.

1st. From the point where the River Chelt crosses the present boundary up the said river to the point at which it is crossed by the Cirencester-road; thence north along the said road to its junction with the London-road; thence west along the London-road to its junction with a road leading through Battledown to Hale's-road; thence along such road to the present boundary at Hale's-road. The objections to this plan are, that it would leave out a portion of the Battledown estate, now being built upon, and would destroy the working of the Small Tenements Act over the whole parish, without taking in the village of Charlton Kings. This plan is coloured yellow. Boundaries for Charlton Kings.

2nd. From the point where the River Chelt crosses the present boundary up the said river to the point at which it is crossed by the Cirencester-road; thence north along the said road to its junction with the London-road; thence east along the London-road to the point where the London-road, Greenway-lane, and Ham-lane join each other; thence north along Greenway-lane to the present boundary at Hewlett's-road. This scheme would include the whole of the Battledown estate, but leave out the village of Charlton Kings as in the first case. This plan is coloured sepia. Second Boundary.

3rd. The parish of Charlton Kings. The parish contains 4,000 acres, about 400 of which are built over, and had in 1861 a population of 3,443, which is said to have considerably increased since; there is a good deal of garden ground in the parish, a new church is being built not far from Cheltenham on the London-road, and the parish is supplied with gas from Cheltenham by a private arrangement. Building is going on on the Battledown estate, which is a good site, and will probably soon be covered with villas belonging to people connected with Cheltenham, and the short space between the town and village may in a few years be expected to be built over. The present population is chiefly in the village and the houses joining the town of Cheltenham. Third Boundary.

The general feeling of the inhabitants of Charlton Kings is against any portion of the

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parish being added to the borough of Cheltenham, and we have received a memorial from the local Board on the subject.

The buildings are scattered over a large area, and it would be difficult to find a good natural boundary to enclose the whole, so that we would suggest the parish boundary which we have dotted in blue on the map.

Leckhampton.

The portion of the parish of Leckhampton proposed to be added is coloured blue on the map; it includes the park, which is built upon, Upper Norwood, Moor End, and Grafton-streets, and the houses in Leckhampton-road. The greater portion of this land is built over; some of it is for sale for building, and some occupied by market gardens. The houses are to all intents and purposes a portion of the town of Cheltenham, and identified with it in every way; the streets are continuous, and there is no break in the line of houses.

There were many objections on the part of the inhabitants to any portion of the parish being added to the borough, principally on account of its interference with the Small Tenements Act, which is now in force.

Boundary for  
Leckhampton.

The boundary which we would propose, coloured blue on the map, is a well-defined natural boundary, and may be described thus: From the point where the present boundary crosses a road leading from the Old Bath-road to Leckhampton church and village; southward along such road to the point nearly opposite Collum End Farm, Leckhampton, where it crosses a stream or ditch, falling into Hatherley Brook; thence northward down the said stream or ditch to the point at which it crosses the present boundary.

We are of opinion that this will include all ground likely to be built over in this direction for many years.

The parish of Leckhampton contains about 1,500 acres, and in 1861 had a population of 2,523, which has since increased; of this, it is estimated that between 1,800 and 1,900 live within the proposed boundary. We have dotted the parish boundary in yellow.

We attach a map to this Report showing the additions proposed to us, tinted in pink.

The boundaries were wrongly coloured on our Ordnance map, and we have corrected them.

(signed) *John Stratford Dugdale.*

*C. W. Wilson, Captain, Royal Engineers.*

## 2.—PETITIONS.

### PETITION of Inhabitants and Ratepayers of the Parish of *Leckhampton*, in the County of *Gloucester*.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants and Ratepayers of the Parish of Leckhampton, in the County of Gloucester,

Showeth,

That a Bill is now pending in your Honourable House to carry into effect the Report of the Boundary Commissioners, by which Report it is proposed to extend the borough of Cheltenham, so as to include therein a great part of the houses and a large area of agricultural land of the parish of Leckhampton.

That a very large proportion of the inhabited houses within the said parish are rated to the poor rate at a rateable value of less than 6*l.*, and the rates therein are accordingly compounded for under the Act of 14 & 15 Vict. c. 99 (the Small Tenements Rating Act).

That in your Petitioners' opinion the proposed extension will prejudicially interfere with the rating and other public arrangements of the said parish, thereby causing great hardship to the inhabitants whose rates are now compounded for, great loss to other ratepayers, and very great injustice to the owners and occupiers of property outside the boundary, whose burdens would be increased without any compensating benefit.

That the proposed annexation is not in any manner called for by any interests, or promoted by any persons connected with the borough of Cheltenham, but, on the contrary, at the inquiry before the Assistant Commissioners any extension towards Leckhampton was opposed by the Cheltenham local authorities, and persons representing all political parties, and particularly by a large body of your Petitioners as inhabitants of Leckhampton.

That the parish of Leckhampton is for the most part agricultural, and the roads within the parish will be a great burden to the landlords and occupiers thereof, if, by the proposed extension, all houses and property thrown into Cheltenham should hereafter be excluded from contributing towards the rates of Leckhampton.

That the proposed new boundaries dividing properties, tenements, and fields in the most irregular and arbitrary manner are unreasonable, and in no respect consistent with well-known limits, such as the Assistant Commissioners were directed to ascertain, and it will be a great hardship to your Petitioners to be included within the parish of Cheltenham, and be made liable to contribute to the rates and taxes, such as paving rates and lighting, and to be deprived of their votes for the county Members which they now possess.

That



That the proposed extension on the south side of the borough appears to be at variance with the recommendation of the Commissioners on the north, where the houses and property in the parish of Prestbury for Parliamentary objects are really more connected with Cheltenham than that part of the parish of Leckhampton proposed to be included within the limits of the borough.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the said Bill, so far as it affects the said parish of Leckhampton, may not pass your Honourable House.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

62 Signatures.

PETITION of Inhabitants and Ratepayers of the Parish of *Charlton Kings*, in the County of *Gloucester*.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants and Ratepayers of the Parish of Charlton Kings, in the County of Gloucester,

Showeth,

THAT a Bill is now pending in your Honourable House to carry into effect the Report of the Boundary Commissioners, by which Report it is proposed to extend the borough of Cheltenham so as to include therein by far the greater part of the houses, and a large area of agricultural land, of the parish of Charlton Kings.

That Charlton Kings parish is a district formed under the "Local Government Act, 1858," and the provisions of the Act of 14 & 15 Vict. c. 99 (the Small Tenements Rating Act), have been adopted and are in force within the parish.

That about four-sevenths of the inhabited houses within the said parish are rated to the poor rate at a rateable value of less than 6*l.*, and the rates thereon are accordingly compounded for under the said Act.

That in your Petitioners' opinion the proposed extension will prejudicially interfere with the rating and other public arrangements of the said parish, thereby causing great hardship to the inhabitants, whose rates are now compounded for, great loss to other ratepayers, and striking injustice to the owners and occupiers of property outside the boundary, whose burdens would be increased without any compensating benefit.

That the proposed annexation is not in any manner called for by any interests or promoted by any persons connected with the borough of Cheltenham; but, on the contrary, at the inquiry before the Assistant Commissioners, any extension towards Charlton was opposed by the Cheltenham local authorities and persons representing all political parties.

That the statements contained in the Report of the Commissioners are incorrect, the extension of Charlton Kings being rather round its own centre than, as there represented, from the town of Cheltenham.

That the borough and parish of Cheltenham and the parish of Charlton Kings are continuous westwardly and northwardly to Charlton for the length of about four miles, while of that space there is not any house or building in the parish of Charlton Kings on or near the boundary for the space of a mile and a half in a southwardly line, and for the space of a mile and three-quarters in a northwardly direction.

That the Battledown estate therein mentioned is by no means of the extent shown in the plan, consisting only of about 100 acres; the roads thereon are private, and part of such roads and the building scheme connected therewith have been abandoned; only three new houses have been built on the estate in the course of the 10 years during which it has been laid out, and building is not extending in that direction.

That the proposed new boundaries are wholly imaginary lines, dividing properties, tenements, and fields in the most irregular and arbitrary manner, and are in no respect consistent with well-known limits, such as the Assistant Commissioners were directed to ascertain, and in particular no less than 40 private tenements or inclosures are cut through by the said line.

That in the parish of Prestbury adjacent to Cheltenham the cemetery of the borough is locally situate, and a considerable number of houses have been erected at or near Pittville in extension and close proximity to the buildings in that borough, but that no part of the said parish of Prestbury is proposed to be included in the new limits of the said borough, and your Petitioners submit that there are stronger grounds for including the aforesaid part of Prestbury than the proposed part of Charlton Kings in the said borough.

That in the borough and parish of Cheltenham there is already a large area of land unbuilt on, in which the buildings of the town are extending, and whereby the householder qualification of the borough may be largely increased.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the said Bill, so far as it affects the said parish of Charlton Kings, may not pass your honourable House, and that your Petitioners may be heard against the said Bill by themselves, their counsel, agents, and witnesses, before your Honourable House, or before a Committee thereof, to which the said Bill may be referred.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

250 Signatures.

Cheltenham.

PETITION of the Public Authorities, Electors, and Householders of the Borough of  
*Cheltenham.*

The humble Petition of the Public Authorities, Electors, and Householders of the  
Borough of Cheltenham,

Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners have learnt with deep regret and concern that the Boundary Commissioners recommend that a very large portion of the parishes of Leckhampton and Charlton Kings should be included within the borough of Cheltenham, for the purpose of its representation in Parliament.

That, with the exception of a very small portion of both parishes, they have no immediate interest in or connection with the borough of Cheltenham, but they are country villages of an agricultural character.

That inasmuch as no portions of the parishes of Charlton Kings and Leckhampton contribute to the rates of the borough, and their local interests are, in very many particulars, in direct antagonism to those of the inhabitants of Cheltenham, it would be manifestly unfair to the latter that they should be permitted to control or interfere with their Parliamentary representation.

That at the meeting held at Cheltenham by the Boundary Commissioners, the parishes of Leckhampton, Charlton Kings, and Cheltenham were largely represented by the principal inhabitants, who were unanimous in opinion that it would be inadvisable to include any portion of the said parishes of Leckhampton or Charlton Kings within the borough for electoral purposes.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that no parts of either the parishes of Leckhampton and Charlton Kings be included within the borough of Cheltenham for the election of a Member to represent the borough in Parliament.

221 Signatures.

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3.—MEMORIALS.

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MEMORIALS put in by Mr. *Schreiber*, M.P.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in  
Parliament assembled:

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants and Ratepayers of the Parish of  
Charlton Kings, in the County of Gloucester,

Showeth,

1. THAT a Bill is now pending in your Honourable House to carry into effect the Report of the Boundary Commissioners, by which Report it is proposed to extend the borough of Cheltenham, so as to include therein by far the greater part of the houses and a large area of agricultural land of the parish of Charlton Kings.

2. That Charlton Kings parish is a district formed under the "Local Government Act, 1858," and the provisions of the Act of 14 & 15 Vict. c. 99 (the Small Tenements Rating Act), have been adopted and are in force within the parish.

3. That about four-sevenths of the inhabited houses within the said parish are rated to the poor rate at a rateable value of less than 6 *l.*, and the rates thereon are accordingly compounded for under the said Act.

4. That in your Petitioners' opinion the proposed extension will prejudicially interfere with the rating and other public arrangements of the said parish, thereby causing greater hardship to the inhabitants whose rates are now compounded for, great loss to other ratepayers, and striking injustice to the owners and occupiers of property outside the boundary, whose burdens would be increased without any compensating benefit.

5. That the proposed annexation is not in any manner called for by any interests, or promoted by any persons connected with the borough of Cheltenham, but, on the contrary, at the inquiry before the Assistant Commissioners, any extension towards Charlton was opposed by the Cheltenham local authorities and persons representing all political parties.

6. That the statements contained in the Report of the Commissioners are incorrect, the extension of Charlton Kings being rather round its own centre than, as there represented, from the town of Cheltenham.

7. That



7. That the borough and parish of Cheltenham and the parish of Charlton Kings are conterminous, westwardly and northwardly to Charlton, for the length of about four miles; while of that space there is not any house or building in the parish of Charlton Kings on or near the boundary, for the space of a mile and a half in a southwardly line, and for the space of a mile and three-quarters in a northwardly direction.

8. That the Battledown estate therein mentioned is by no means of the extent shown in the plan, consisting only of about 100 acres; the roads thereon are private, and part of such roads, and the building scheme connected therewith, have been abandoned. Only three new houses have been built on the estate in the course of 10 years during which it has been laid out, and building is not extending in that direction.

9. That the proposed new boundaries are wholly imaginary lines, dividing properties, tenements, and fields in the most irregular and arbitrary manner, and are in no respect consistent with well-known limits, such as the Assistant Commissioners were directed to ascertain; and, in particular, no less than 40 private tenements or inclosures are cut through by the said line.

10. That in the parish of Prestbury, adjacent to Cheltenham, the cemetery of the borough is locally situate; and a considerable number of houses have been erected at or near Pittville, in extension and close proximity to the buildings in that borough, but that no part of the said parish of Prestbury is proposed to be included in the new limits of the said borough.

11. And your Petitioners submit that there are stronger grounds for including the aforesaid part of Prestbury than the proposed part of Charlton Kings in the said borough.

12. That in the borough and parish of Cheltenham there is already a large area of land unbuilt on, in which the buildings of the town are extending, and whereby the household qualification of the borough may be largely increased.

13. Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the said Bill, so far as it affects the said parish of Charlton Kings, may not pass your Honourable House, and that your Petitioners may be heard against the said Bill, by themselves, their counsel, agents, and witnesses, before your Honourable House, or before the Committee thereof to which the said Bill may be referred.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

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To the Select Committee of the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland to which the Boundary Bill is referred :

The humble Memorial of the undersigned Inhabitants, Ratepayers, and Owners of Property in the Parish of Charlton Kings, in the County of Gloucester, in support of the Petition of Inhabitants of the said Parish, against the Proposed Incorporation of a part of the said Parish in the Parliamentary Borough of Cheltenham,

Showeth,

THAT your Memorialists have resided in the said parish for 30 years and upwards, and are well acquainted with all matters connected therewith.

That your Memorialists are well acquainted with that district of the parish which lies upon the London-road, adjacent to the parish of Cheltenham, and which comprises the houses upon the said London-road up to the "Beaufort Arms" Inn, and the back streets called Park-street, Rosehill-street, and Coltham-terrace; and your Memorialists say that such district was to their personal knowledge generally built over at the time of the passing of the "Boundary Act of 1832," and that a very small proportion of the houses now erected thereon have been built since the passing of that Act; and your Memorialists further say that the said district is distinctly divided and separated from the town of Cheltenham, and that it no more forms part of the town of Cheltenham at the present day than it did in the year 1832.

And your Memorialists further state that the buildings upon the said London-road extend thereon from the road dividing Charlton Kings from the parish of Cheltenham for a distance of 150 yards only on the south side, and for a distance of 370 yards only on the north side, containing in such distances 19 and 30 houses respectively; that all continuity of building is then completely severed by large nursery gardens and the meadows adjoining Charlton House on the one side, and by a timber yard and meadow lands on the other side, and buildings is not extending in this direction.

Your Memorialists refer to the Report of the Boundary Commissioners of 1832, as showing that the said district was not then part of the town.



Cheltenham.

Your Memorialists further state that the principal building operations of late years in the said parish have taken place in and about the hamlets or districts of Ryeworth, East End, and Cudnal, which are situate respectively a mile and three quarters, two miles, and one mile and a quarter, from the town of Cheltenham.

That the remaining centres of population, consisting principally of houses and cottages erected many years ago, are situate round the parish church district, about two miles from Cheltenham, at the hamlets of Bafford and Little Herbert, distant nearly two miles, and at the hamlet of Ham, distant two miles and a quarter from the same town.

That the population of the said parish is not of an urban, but, on the contrary, of an agricultural character; that the majority of the labouring population is employed upon the large farms in the parish and in adjoining parishes.

That there are many private gentlemen occupying about 60 villa residences, who, with their families, domestic servants, coachmen, grooms, and gardeners, form a large portion of the population of the parish.

That, in the opinion of your Memorialists, the interests of the inhabitants of Charlton Kings are much more in common with those of the voters for the eastern division of the county of Gloucester than with those of the inhabitants of Cheltenham.

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray that the Committee will recommend to the Honourable the Commons of Great Britain and Ireland, that the said Boundary Bill may be amended by striking out such part of the first schedule thereto as affects the parish of Charlton Kings.

*William Jordan, Farm, The Withyholt, Charlton Kings.*  
*Charles Burgess, Nurseryman, London-road.*  
*William Sadler, Builder, Oak Cottage.*  
*Samuel H. Garl, Barrister, Battledown.*

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To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom in Parliament assembled:

The humble Petition of the Public Authorities, Electors and Householders of the Borough of Cheltenham,

Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners have learnt, with deep regret and concern, that the Boundary Commissioners recommend that a very large portion of the parishes of Leckhampton and Charlton Kings should be included within the borough of Cheltenham, for the purpose of its representation in Parliament.

That, with the exception of a very small portion of both parishes, they have no immediate interest in, or connection with the borough of Cheltenham, but they are country villages of an agricultural character.

That, inasmuch as no portions of the parishes of Charlton Kings and Leckhampton contribute to the rates of the borough, and their local interests are, in very many particulars, in direct antagonism to those of the inhabitants of Cheltenham, it would be manifestly unfair to the latter that they should be permitted to control, or interfere, with their Parliamentary representation.

That, at the meeting held at Cheltenham by the Boundary Commissioners, the parishes of Leckhampton, Charlton Kings, and Cheltenham were largely represented by the principal inhabitants, who were unanimous in opinion that it would be unadvisable to include any portion of the said parishes of Leckhampton or Charlton Kings within the borough of Cheltenham for electoral purposes.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray,

That no parts of either the parishes of Leckhampton and Charlton Kings be included within the borough of Cheltenham for the election of a Member to represent the borough in Parliament.

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To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom in Parliament assembled,  
and the Select Committee of your Honourable House now sitting on the Boundary  
Bill:

Cheltenham.

The humble Memorial of the Cheltenham Improvement Commissioners, acting under  
"The Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852,"

Showeth,

THAT at a special meeting of your Memorialists held on Wednesday, the 20th day of May instant, it was resolved: That a Memorial be presented from this Board, to be signed by the Chairman thereof, in support of the prayer of the Petition presented to your Honourable House from the public authorities, electors, and householders of the Borough of Cheltenham, and to which Petition (a copy whereof accompanies this Memorial) your Memorialists crave leave to refer.

That your Memorialists object to any extension of the boundaries of the said borough for the following reasons:—

1st. That the present boundaries of the parish and borough for all municipal and Parliamentary purposes, are coextensive, and are now well known, marked, and defined, and the portions of the adjacent parishes proposed to be added do not possess, nor are likely soon to acquire, a community of interest with the borough.

2nd. That in the event of its becoming necessary at any future time to form an united district or districts, to include other parishes or parts of parishes adjoining your Memorialists' said borough for sanitary purposes, under the Sewage Utilization and Local Government Acts, or under any future local or sanitary legislation, your Memorialists apprehend that the extension and definition of the boundaries of the borough, without due regard to sanitary requirements, may be prejudicial and lead to much complication and confusion in future.

3rd. That although the question of the extension of the borough for Parliamentary purposes may not be strictly or immediately within the province of your Memorialists (except as above mentioned) they may perhaps be allowed to urge what they believe to be the general feeling of the town; namely, that a borough which contains upwards of 42,000 inhabitants, nearly 3,000 voters (which number will in all probability be increased to nearly 4,000 under the new Reform Act) and having an extent of 4,200 acres, is already sufficiently large to be represented in your Honourable House by one Member.

4th. That petitions have been presented to your Honourable House, numerous signed, from each of the parishes, portions whereof are proposed to be added to your Memorialists' borough, objecting to the proposed extension of the boundaries thereof, and to which petitions your Memorialists also crave leave to refer.

And your Memorialists accordingly humbly pray that the existing boundaries of the parish and borough be not now extended.

*Charles Lloyd Harford,*  
Chairman.

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#### 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

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PAPERS put in by Mr. *Schreiber*, M.P., 22 May 1868.

I, the undersigned James Frederick Secretan Gabb, Perpetual Curate of Charlton Kings, hereby certify that I took charge of this parish in November 1834, and found the population to be about 3,000; that at the census in 1861 it was 3,443; and that, at the present time, according to the best of my belief, it is about 3,600; that during the time I have been Incumbent, about 200 houses and cottages have been erected, and that of these about 60 have been built in the part of the parish adjacent to Cheltenham, and the rest not nearer to the parish of Cheltenham than half a mile, whilst about 100 are a mile and more distant from it. Of the increased population of about 700, I believe not more than 250 inhabit the part of the parish adjacent to Cheltenham, and to be strictly deemed suburban.

As witness my hand this 20th day of May 1868,

Charlton Kings,  
near Cheltenham.

*Jas. F. S. Gabb.*

Cheltenham.

I, George Ridge, of Cheltenham, in the county of Gloucester, solicitor, for and one of the trustees of the Battledown estate, in the parish of Charlton Kings, in the said county of Gloucester, do hereby certify that by an indenture bearing date the 22nd day of June 1863, and made between the several owners of the said estate of the first part, the trustees of the said estate of the second part, and Samuel Higgs Gael, of Lincoln's Inn, barrister, of the third part, All such portion of the said Battledown estate as is known by the name and description of "The Castle's Close" containing 10 acres and 1 rood, or thereabouts, was discharged and released of and from such portion of the deed of regulations regulating the user and enjoyment of the said estate as related to the making and maintaining of roads, paths, an open area in the centre of the said Close, and fences on the Closes aforesaid.

Dated this 20th day of May, 1868.

Witness,  
Thos. Hy. Stockwell,  
Clerk to Mr. Ridge, solicitor,  
Cheltenham.

*George Ridge.*

#### STATEMENT of Clerk of Local Board in support of Petition.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, derived from my intimate knowledge of the locality and a careful inspection of the rate books, that the following particulars are true:—

That the population of the part of Charlton Kings proposed to be added to Cheltenham is about 3,400.

That the rateable value is about 13,000 *l*.

Total number of houses about 750.

That of these 406 are of 6 *l*. rateable value.

175 above 6 *l*. and under 12 *l*. rateable value.

169 above 12 *l*. rateable value.

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750

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And I also certify that I have examined the large map now produced, and to the best of my belief it is strictly accurate and trustworthy.

And I further state that I was present at the inquiry at Cheltenham before the Assistant Commissioners, and that no mention or reference was then made to the scheme as proposed by the Commissioners in their report, or to any extension other than to include the streets immediately adjacent to the borough, the report of the proceedings before the Assistant Boundary Commissioners contained in the "Examiner" newspaper of the 9th October 1867 is substantially correct.

*James W. Gabb,*  
Clerk to the Local Board of Charlton Kings.

#### EXTRACT from the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Charlton Local Board, 14th October 1867.

##### Proposed Extension of Boundaries of the Borough of Cheltenham.

THE Clerk reported that he attended the inquiry before the Assistant Boundary Commissioners as to the limits of the borough of Cheltenham under the new Reform Act on Tuesday last the 8th instant, when it was suggested by the returning officer of the borough of Cheltenham that the new borough should include portions of this district and parish, namely, Park-street, Rosehill-street, and parts adjacent up the London road as far as the Beauport Arms Inn, and that the Assistant Commissioners expressed a wish to have a statement of the views of the Local Board on the subject sent to them, and it was

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Burgess, and resolved unanimously,

That the proposition to include the aforesaid or any similar portion of this district or parish in the borough of Cheltenham is wholly inexpedient, interfering with the present boundary between the parishes which is natural and well defined, to substitute a conventional and irregular boundary; and further, being inconsistent with the arrangements as to rating and otherwise existing and in force, and which operate for the general benefit of the parish, and that the clerk do send a copy of this resolution to the Assistant Boundary Commissioners.



EXTRACT from the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Charlton Kings, in Vestry assembled.

Cheltenham.

14 April 1868.

At a meeting of the inhabitants in vestry, pursuant to notice, for the purpose of auditing the accounts of the churchwardens for the year now about to terminate, and appointing churchwardens for the ensuing year, considering the report of the Boundary Commissioners as affecting the parish of Charlton Kings, and on any other business relating to the parish or church.

The notice having been read, it was resolved that the proposed annexation of part of Charlton Kings to the borough of Cheltenham will be detrimental to the interests of this parish;

That a committee be appointed to organise and conduct an opposition in Parliament to the proposed measure, so far as concerns this parish.

That the following gentlemen, in addition to Sir William Russell, Bart., M.P., form the committee, with power to add to their number, any three of them to form a quorum :—

|                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sir Brook Kay, Bart.               | Ernest Hartland, Esq. |
| Colonel Kennell.                   | Mr. W. Turk.          |
| Colonel Seaton.                    | Mr. Jordan.           |
| Colonel Homes, R. A.               | Mr. Burgess.          |
| Captain St. Clair Ford.            | Mr. George Sadler.    |
| Samuel Higgs Gael, Esq.            | Mr. Benjamin Wood.    |
| Colmore Frind Cregoe Colmore, Esq. | Mr. William Hawkes.   |
| Thomas Winter Potter, Esq.         | Mr. Caldicott.        |
| Richard Woosnam, Esq.              |                       |

MEMORANDUM put in by Sir M. Hicks Beach, M.P.

#### CHARLTON KINGS.

|                            |   |   |   |   |   |       |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| Inhabitants, Census 1861   | - | - | - | - | - | 3,443 |
| Houses in the parish, 1861 | - | - | - | - | - | 764   |

|                                                           |   |   |      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---|---|------|
| Houses in the district proposed to be added to Cheltenham | - | - | 750* |
| „ „ not proposed to be added, less than                   | - | - | 56   |

\* Of these 750 houses :

|                              |   |   |   |   |   |     |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| At 6 l. rate value and under | - | - | - | - | - | 406 |
| Above 6 l., and under 12 l.  | - | - | - | - | - | 175 |
| „ 12 l., Villas              | - | - | - | - | - | 106 |
| „ „ Farmhouses               | - | - | - | - | - | 16  |
| „ „ Shops, &c.               | - | - | - | - | - | 47  |
|                              |   |   |   |   |   | 169 |
|                              |   |   |   |   |   | 750 |

#### LECKHAMPTON.

|                              |   |   |   |   |   |       |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| Inhabitants, Census 1861     | - | - | - | - | - | 2,523 |
| Houses in the parish in 1861 | - | - | - | - | - | 475   |

1868 :

|                                     |   |   |   |   |   |     |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Assessments in rate book            | - | - | - | - | - | 674 |
| Deduct land, gardens, quarries, &c. | - | - | - | - | - | 112 |

|                               |   |   |   |   |   |             |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-------------|
| Outside the proposed boundary | - | - | - | - | - | 562 houses. |
|                               |   |   |   |   |   | 62          |

|                                            |   |   |   |   |   |             |
|--------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-------------|
| Proposed to be added to Cheltenham Borough | - | - | - | - | - | 500 houses. |
|--------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-------------|

Of the 562 houses :

|                                  |   |   |   |   |   |     |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| * { At 6 l. rate value and under | - | - | - | - | - | 182 |
| { Above 6 l., and under 12 l.    | - | - | - | - | - | 147 |
| „ 12 l., Villas                  | - | - | - | - | - | 138 |
| „ „ Shops, inns, and farmhouses  | - | - | - | - | - | 95  |
|                                  |   |   |   |   |   | 233 |
|                                  |   |   |   |   |   | 562 |

\* The great majority of these are close to the town of Cheltenham, and essentially part of it.

Cheltenham.

REMARKS ON Charlton Kings Petition. (250 Signatures.)

It is true that the rates of four-sevenths of the houses in the parish are compounded for.

The interests of Charlton Kings and Cheltenham are mainly identical; and they cannot by any means be considered in the light of two separate towns, as suggested in the petition. Charlton Kings is mainly separated from Cheltenham by Charlton Park, the property of Sir W. Russell. It is probable that much of this estate will be disposed of for building purposes.

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REMARKS ON Cheltenham Petition. (221 Signatures.)

Neither Charlton Kings nor Leckhampton can with any fairness be called "country villages of an agricultural character." The number of villa residences in each will sufficiently prove this.

Though much of the western portion of Cheltenham Borough consists of land not built upon, yet from its situation, it is improbable that the town will extend much in that direction; the favourite situation for building being on the slope of the hills, which is mainly within the parishes of Charlton Kings and Leckhampton, and much of which is comprised in the extension recommended by the Commissioners.

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REMARKS ON Leckhampton Petition. (62 Signatures.)

Out of 562 houses, only 182 can be compounded for, as only those are below 6 *l*.

These 182 houses are essentially part of Cheltenham.

The villas (138 in number) are inhabited by persons whose interests are identical with those of Cheltenham.

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## CHARLTON KINGS PETITION.

PAPER put in by Mr. Schreiber, M.P.

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the Commissioners' Report, and of Petition of the Inhabitants and Ratepayers of Charlton Kings.

| Commissioners' Statements.                                                                                                                                         |                                                              | Statement of Petitioners of Charlton Kings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                         | Proofs in Corroboration of Charlton Kings Petitioners' Statements.                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Observations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Cheltenham                                                                                                                                                         | { 1831 - - - - 22,942<br>1. Population { 1861 - - - - 89,093 | 2. Charlton Kings is a parish and a district formed under Local Government Act, 1858.<br>"The provisions of the Act 14 & 15 Vict. c. 99 (the Small Tenements Rating Act), have been adopted and are in force within the parish." Petition, par. (2).<br>"That about four-sevenths of the inhabited houses within the said parish are rated to the poor rate at a rateable value of less than 6 <i>l</i> ., and the rates thereon are accordingly compounded for under the said Act." Petition, par. (3). | 3. The proposal is to include in the borough of Cheltenham "by far the greater part of the houses, and a large area of agricultural land of Charlton Kings parish." Petition, par. (1). | 4. "The extension of Charlton Kings is rather round its own centre than from the town of Cheltenham." Petition, par. (6).                                                                              | 5. For houses, population, and area in parish of Charlton Kings, and (by itself) of part proposed to be annexed. See Local Board Clerk's Statement.<br>This statement was made after actual examination of the locality is explained by the Rate Book, and illustrated by map. | 6. For the streets and houses in Cheltenham which are in continuation of the town east, viz.:<br>Park-street.<br>Rosehill-street.<br>London-road.<br>See Map of Cheltenham annexed to the Boundary Report, 1831-2, showing Park-street and London-road, at that time built, and memorial of Mr. Jordan and others.<br>For discontinuity of buildings between them and rest of Charlton Kings parish, compare said Map with Map annexed to Boundary Report, 1867. Also with Map now produced and verified by clerk. See also Memorial of Mr. William Jordan and others. Also Certificate of the Rev. J. F. S. Gabb, incumbent of Charlton Kings. | 7. The Assistant Commissioners were to furnish the Commissioners with "information showing the present number of houses and the estimated population of each place proposed to be added to a borough."—Report, p. vi.<br>No such information, however, was furnished by the Assistant Commissioners in case of Charlton Kings, although the clerk of Charlton Kings Local Board offered to furnish these particulars as to the parts of that parish which are continuation of the town. These being the only parts to or of which mention or reference was made at the local inquiry. |
| Houses                                                                                                                                                             | { 1831 - - - - 4,349<br>inhabited { 1861 - - - - 7,012       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| as stated in Boundary Report, 1831-2.                                                                                                                              |                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2. Cheltenham is not a municipal borough, but it is under a Local Act—The Cheltenham Improvement Act.                                                              |                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 3. The town has extended beyond the limits of the borough on the south-west, in the parish of Lockhampton, and on the south-east, in the parish of Charlton Kings. |                                                              | 4. The parish of Charlton Kings comprises a large number of houses forming a continuation of the town, and also the Battledown Estate, on part of which houses have already been built, and of which other parts are laid out for building.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                         | Population of Charlton Kings { 1831 - - - - 2,478<br>1861 - - - - 8,443<br>Area - - - - A. 3,120<br>Number of inhabited houses, 1861 - - - - 4,349<br>Rateable value of whole parish - - - - £. 18,200 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Particulars of Part proposed to be Annexed :<br>Population - - - - about 3,400<br>Number of inhabited houses - - - - about 750<br>Rateable value of part proposed to be annexed, estimated - - - - £. 13,000<br>Number of houses under 6 <i>l</i> . rateable value - - - - 406                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |



## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the Commissioners' Report, and of Petition of the Inhabitants and Ratepayers of Charlton Kings—continued.

| Commissioners' Statements.                                                                                                               | Statement of Petitioners.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Proofs in Corroboration of Charlton Kings Petitioners' Statements.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Observations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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|                                                                                                                                          | <p>5. "That the borough and parish of Cheltenham and the parish of Charlton Kings are continuous westwardly and northwardly to Charlton for the length of about four miles, while of that space there is not any house or building in the parish of Charlton Kings, on or near the boundary, for the space of a mile and a half in a southwardly line, and for the space of a mile and three quarters in a northwardly direction." Petition, par. (7).</p> <p>"That the Battledown Estate therein mentioned is by no means of the extent shown in the plan, consisting only of about 100 acres; the roads thereon are private, and part of such roads and the building scheme connected therewith have been abandoned; only three new houses have been built on the estate in the course of the 10 years during which it has been laid out, and building is not extending in that direction." Petition, par. (8).</p> <p>6. "That in the borough and parish of Cheltenham there is already a large area of land unbuilt on, in which the buildings of the town are extending, and whereby the household qualification of the borough may be largely increased." Petition, par. (12).</p> | <p>5. See Map - - - - -</p> <p>As to Battledown Estate, see Clerks' Map and Mr. Ridge's Statement.</p> <p>6. For area of extension in borough, see Report of the Boundary Commissioners, 1831-2. They say, on extension, "With respect to large towns not manufacturing, it seems sufficient to allow room for extension of streets in situations most favourable for building. For Cheltenham and Brighton, however, parochial boundaries have been proposed, which, though rather extensive, appear to be otherwise suitable." The then Assistant Commissioners also observed "that north-west and southwards (in which directions the town was increasing) the limits of the parish of Cheltenham afford ample space for its probable extension."</p> <p>7. For proof that the limits assigned for the addition to the borough are not identical with "these parts," as before described by the Commissioners, but very greatly exceed them, see Maps to Boundary Reports, 1831-2, 1867, Local Board Clerk's Map and Statement, showing that the line extends beyond the village church, and includes many scattered farmhouses.</p> <p>For proof that, at the inquiry before the Assistant Commissioners, the only part proposed to be annexed was that in continuation of the town, see Resolution of Local Board, 14th October 1867, and Report in Cheltenham Examiner Newspaper, 9th October 1867.</p> | <p>5. The Assistant Commissioners were directed to inquire whether there were any considerable number of houses beyond the existing borough boundaries, the occupiers of which, from community of interest with the borough, or from other local circumstances, may be considered as forming part of the town population.—Report, p. vi.</p> <p>7. The reasoning of the Commissioners is applicable only to the parts of Charlton which are a continuation of the town and the Battledown Estate. But the new limits are vastly wider. The Assistant Commissioners were directed to "report facts to assist the Commissioners in determining whether or not houses should be included within the parliamentary boundaries of the borough."—Report, p. vi.</p> <p>It is evident that the Assistant Commissioners collected no such facts with reference to the houses, much less with reference to land in Charlton Kings, and, in fact, the plan and the technical abutals are at variance with the explanatory description of the Report.</p> |
| 7. The Commissioners recommend that these parts of the parishes of Leckhampton and Charlton Kings should be included within the borough. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

8. The Commissioners directed the Assistant Commissioners to point out and ascertain well-known limits.

8. For proof of boundary being arbitrary, &c., see Map and Statement.

8. "That the proposed new boundaries are wholly imaginary lines dividing properties, tenements, and fields in the most irregular and arbitrary manner, and are in no respect consistent with well-known limits such as the Assistant Commissioners were directed to ascertain; and, in particular, no less than 40 private tenements or inclosures are cut through by the said line." Petition, par. (9).

9. For proof of Inhabitants' aversion to proposed extension, see Cheltenham Opinions expressed by Public Authorities, Commissioners, Lord of Manor, &c., at Assistant Boundary Commissioners' Meeting, 8th October 1867, and Petition to Parliament. Resolution of Cheltenham Improvement Commissioners. Charlton Kings Opinions, see same Meeting, Resolution of Local Board, 14th October 1867, Resolution of Vestry Meeting, 14th April, 1868, and Petition to Parliament.

9. "That the proposed annexation is not in any manner called for by any interests, or promoted by any persons connected with the borough of Cheltenham, but, on the contrary, at the inquiry before the Assistant Commissioners, any extension towards Charlton was opposed by the Cheltenham local authorities and persons representing all political parties." Petition, par. (5).

8. The borough, as extended, may be described as consisting of the present borough, together with so much of the parishes of Leckhampton and Charlton Kings as lies between the present boundary of the borough and the following boundaries respectively:—  
"Charlton Kings. From the point at which the boundary between the parishes of Leckhampton and Charlton Kings meets the present boundary of the borough at its southern extremity, eastward, in a straight line to the point at which Lilly-brook crosses the Cirencester-road; thence, north-eastward, in a straight line to the point at which Eastend-lane meets the London-road; thence in a straight line to the point at Ham at which Mill-lane meets Ham-lane; thence in a straight line to the junction of Greenway-lane and Hewlets-road at the Cheltenham Waterworks; thence in a straight line to the nearest point of the present boundary."

#### LIST OF EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT.

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|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1. Petition of Inhabitants of Charlton Kings. | 9. Copy Resolution of Local Board.     |
| 2. Memorial of Mr. W. Jordan and Others.      | 10. Copy Resolution of Vestry Meeting. |
| 3. Certificate of Rev. J. F. S. Gabb.         | 11. Cheltenham Improvement Act.        |
| 4. Certificate of G. Ridge, Esq.              |                                        |
| 5. Statement of Clerk to Local Board.         |                                        |
| 6. Tithes Map of Charlton Kings Parish.       |                                        |
| 7. Map of New Boundaries.                     |                                        |
| 8. Rate Books. Poor and Local Board.          |                                        |





## C H E S T E R.

## 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

Chester.

CHESTER has considerably increased in commercial importance since 1831. It is now a centre of railway communication with various parts of the kingdom, and the shipping at the Port of Saltney has also increased. Last year the number of vessels (according to a return furnished by the town clerk) up to Saltney was 700.

The population in 1831 was 21,344; in 1861 it was 31,110; and in 1866 it was computed at 32,930.

The increase in the gross estimated rental between 1856 and 1866 was 33,439 £.

The increase in the rateable value between the same period was 30,172 £.

There is still a very large extent of land within the Parliamentary borough unoccupied, as was the case in 1832. But since that year building has extended in the direction of Hoole, which is now governed by a local Board, in the direction of Boughton, and in the direction of Saltney, where the Great Western Railway Company has built works, and where other manufactories have been erected.

The Town Council adopted a resolution that the borough should be extended, but declined to make any specific suggestion. Other witnesses, however, appeared before us, and undertook to do so. After inspecting the district, we have endeavoured to draw a line which, by including Saltney district, and extending the city in the direction of Hoole and Boughton, will not only embrace the whole of the present population, but will provide for any future increase.

The following statistics have been obtained with reference to the districts proposed to be added to the borough.

| TOWNSHIPS.                     | ACREAGE. | HOUSES. |
|--------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Hoole - - - - -                | 121      | 355     |
| Newton - - - - -               | 81       | 30      |
| Great Boughton - - - - -       | 91       | 48      |
| Saltney (Flintshire) - - - - - | 172      | 190     |
| TOTAL - - - - -                | 465      | 623     |

The boundary proposed is as follows :

The Parliamentary borough of Chester, and also the space included within the following boundary, that is to say, from the point (A) in the River Dee, at Saltney Stage, where St. Mary's Ward joins Trinity Ward, along the River Dee to the point (B) at which the same is joined by Balderton Brook, near Stoop Bridge Stage; thence up the said brook to the bridge

in Green-lane; thence along Green-lane to the stone (C) marked

W. M. Williams,  
Mayor.  
C. Dutton,  
Sheriff, 1866.

in the

boundary of the said borough; thence along the said boundary to the point (D) at which the River Dee is joined by the Huntingdon Brook; thence up the same to the centre of the bridge, on the Saighton and Aldford-road, commonly called Sandy-lane; thence in a straight line to the point (E) at which Batchelor's-lane is joined by Stile-lane, near Vaughan's

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House; thence along Stile-lane to a point (F) at which the same is joined by Poorhouse-lane; thence in a straight line to a point (G) in Petticoat-lane, one hundred (100) yards from its junction with the south-eastern extremity of Heath-lane; thence along Petticoat-lane to the said extremity; thence along Heath-lane to the stone marked

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in the said boundary; thence along the said boundary to the point (H) at which the same is met by the boundary of the parish of St. John the Baptist; thence along the said parish boundary to the boundary stone (J) of the said parish, situated behind Mr. Moule's house, near the district church of Hoole; thence in a straight line for 90 yards to the south-eastern extremity of the lane leading to the Chester and Frodsham turnpike-road; thence along the said lane to the point (K) at which the same joins the said turnpike road; thence along the said turnpike road to the point (L) at which the same is joined by the Newton and Upton-road; thence along the Newton and Upton-road to the point (M) at which the same is joined by Brook-lane; thence along Brook-lane to the point (N) at which the same meets the boundary of the said borough; thence along the said boundary to the point first described.

(signed) P. Cumin.  
C. G. Goodson.

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## 2.—PETITIONS.

None.

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## 3.—MEMORIALS.

### PAPERS received from the BOUNDARY COMMISSIONERS.

LETTER from Mr. *Boydell*, with Memorial of Inhabitants of *Saltney*, as to *Chester* Boundaries.

Sir,

Chester, 2 November 1867.

I AM directed by the parties who have signed the enclosed to submit it to you, with a request you will kindly lay it before the Assistant Boundary Commissioners who attended here. As I understand, Mr. Walker the Town Clerk has furnished all statistics, I need only draw your attention to the number of signatures to the enclosed, as compared with the number of owners and occupiers of property in the district.

I am sorry this was not sent sooner, but the people were not awakened to a sense of their danger until the end of last week.

C. W. Freemantle, Esq.,  
6, Old Palace Yard, Westminster.

I am, &c.  
(signed) Geo. Boydell.

[The Assistant Boundary Commissioners may have fancied Capt. Knox represented this part of Saltney, but he did not, and does not live in this district.]

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To the Boundary Commissioners.

Gentlemen,

WE, the undersigned, occupiers of houses rated under 12 *l.* a year, residing in that part of Saltney, adjoining the borough of Chester, but situate in the parish of Hawarden, county of Flint, do hereby express our wish to be included in the Parliamentary Boundary for the said borough of Chester, so that we may be enabled to enjoy the privilege of the extension of the Franchise agreeable to the provisions of the late Reform Act.

[17 Signatures.]

To the Boundary Commissioners.

Gentlemen,

WE, the undersigned, occupiers of houses rated under 12*l.* a year, residing in that part of Saltney adjoining the borough of Chester, but situate in the parish of Hawarden, in the county of Flint, having signed a document, which we now understand to be a petition against being included in a Parliamentary Boundary in connection with the borough of Chester, do hereby affirm that we did so under the impression that we were signing a document against being included in a Municipal Boundary, which would considerably increase our rates and taxes, to which we object; that the subject of a Parliamentary Boundary was not explained to us, and we hereby express our wish to be included in the Parliamentary Boundary for the said borough of Chester, so that we may be enabled to enjoy the privilege of the extension of the Franchise agreeable to the provisions of the late Reform Act.

[43 Signatures.]

LETTER from Lord *Richard Grosvenor*, M.P., addressed to the Chairman, enclosing Memorial.

Grosvenor House, W.

Tuesday Evening, 26 May 1868.

My dear Sir,

I REGRET that, having only received the enclosed petition late on Saturday evening, I have been unable to ask the consideration of the Boundaries Committee on it before this. But I trust that you will allow me to be heard on it before you, at 12 o'clock on Thursday next the 28th.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Richard Grosvenor*.

The Right Honourable S. Walpole, M.P.  
&c. &c. &c.

To the Assistant Commissioners of the Boundary Commission for England and Wales (Chester District).

WE, the undersigned, being owners of property and occupiers of property in that part of Saltney, in the county of Flint, and lying between that part of the same township and the brook running from the Church-lane to Stoop Bridge, a district which we understand was suggested to you as being proper to include within the Parliamentary borough of the City of Chester, respectfully submit that it would be contrary to our interests and wishes, and would not consult the interests of the city that such district should be included for the following reasons:—

1. The district in which we reside is in a different county, a different union, a different parish to the adjoining part of the existing borough of Chester.

2. We are in all ways unconnected with the said borough, our employments being generally in the county of Flint.

3. A many of the houses are low rented, and a many are inhabited by mechanics and labourers whose labour causes them often to move.

4. That though lately the waterworks company have taken water into some part of our district, they have done so as a private company, and they charge those they supply with water a sum beyond what their Act of Parliament authorises, at all events, a larger amount than is charged within the borough.

5. That though your inquiry had reference only to the Parliamentary boundary, we, the undersigned, apprehend that eventually the municipal borough will be made co-extensive with the Parliamentary boundary.

6. That having purchased our property and built our houses without the jurisdiction of the municipal authorities, and having provided a system of drainage for ourselves, we submit that it would be unjust to bring us under the borough regulations, which would most probably compel us to alter our system of drainage at a great cost and inconvenience, besides entailing upon us heavy municipal rates from which we should derive comparatively little benefit.

176 signatures. Of these about 15 are residents of Sandy-lane, which it is not recommended should be included in the Parliamentary boundary.



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## SALTNEY TOWNSHIP.

|                                                | TOTAL.                                           |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| High-street:                                   |                                                  |
| Wood Brothers - - - - -                        | 19 Houses, and 1 public-house - - - - - 20       |
| Joseph Roberts - - - - -                       | 38 " 1 shop, and 1 beer-house - - - - - 40       |
| County Police Station - - - - -                | 1 " - - - - - 1                                  |
| Executors of the late P. Eaton, Esq. - - - - - | 1 Public-house - - - - - 1                       |
| " " Drury - - - - -                            | 4 Houses, 1 shop, and 1 public-house - - - - - 6 |
| " " Rogers - - - - -                           | 1 " and 2 shops - - - - - 3                      |
| Toll Gate House - - - - -                      | 1 " - - - - - 1                                  |
| William Roberts - - - - -                      | 2 " - - - - - 2                                  |
| William Banks - - - - -                        | 15 " - - - - - 15                                |
| John Evans - - - - -                           | 5 Houses, 1 shop, and 1 beer-house - - - - - 7   |
| Messrs. Fox and Heyes - - - - -                | 2 Houses, 1 public-house - - - - - 3             |
| James Beavan - - - - -                         | 5 " - - - - - 5                                  |
| Thomas Beardmore - - - - -                     | 1 Public-house - - - - - 1                       |
| River-lane:                                    |                                                  |
| Margaret Wilding - - - - -                     | 1 Shop and public-house combined - - - - - 1     |
| Margaret Bennett - - - - -                     | 10 Houses - - - - - 10                           |
| British Oil Company - - - - -                  | 1 " and 1 works - - - - - 1                      |
| Foundry-lane:                                  |                                                  |
| Wood Brothers - - - - -                        | 12 Houses, and 1 works - - - - - 12              |
| Princess-street:                               |                                                  |
| Beresford Jankinson - - - - -                  | 1 Public-house - - - - - 1                       |
| James Beavan - - - - -                         | 8 Houses - - - - - 8                             |
| Thomas Speed - - - - -                         | 3 " - - - - - 3                                  |
| Thomas Boddy - - - - -                         | 2 " - - - - - 2                                  |
| Thomas Hassall - - - - -                       | 4 " - - - - - 4                                  |
| William Wright - - - - -                       | 2 " - - - - - 2                                  |
| Thomas Beardmore - - - - -                     | 1 " - - - - - 1                                  |
| Bridge-street:                                 |                                                  |
| Edward Williams - - - - -                      | 5 Houses, 1 shop, and 1 mill - - - - - 6         |
| James Beavan - - - - -                         | 1 " " - - - - - 2                                |
| Building Society - - - - -                     | 24 " - - - - - 24                                |
| Messrs. Fox and Heyes - - - - -                | 3 " - - - - - 3                                  |
| Charles William Potts, Esq. - - - - -          | 3 " and farm - - - - - 3                         |
| TOTAL - - - - -                                | 188                                              |

## 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

LETTER addressed to the Clerk of the Committee by Mr. *W. H. Gladstone*, M.P.

Sir,

11, Carlton House-terrace, 21 May 1868.

I UNDERSTAND from your letter of yesterday that the Select Committee will take the case of Chester to-day.

No expression of opinion has reached me either way from Chester, or the places proposed to be included.

I conceive that the only respect as to which there is likely to be a question, is the inclusion of part of Flintshire consisting for the most part of a straggling line of houses, within the borough of Chester.

Should the case not be taken to-day or to-morrow, as the printed paper circulated this morning seems to indicate, I will write to the authorities of Chester to ask if there has been any feeling shown on the point within the last few days.

Charles Eales, Esq.

I am, &c.

(signed) *W. H. Gladstone*.

## PAPERS received from the Boundary Commissioners.

Sir,

Chester, 4 September 1867.

IN reference to the announcement that the Assistant Commissioners appointed by the Boundary Commissioners for England and Wales, under the provisions of the "Representation of the People Act, 1867," will hold a meeting in Chester on the 10th instant, when

when the Commissioners will be prepared to hear persons desirous of giving information, and the announcement requesting that written statements should be sent for the use of the Commissioners, I beg to say that I have been authorised by the members of the Local Board for Hoole, to apply to the Commissioners that the Local Board District of Hoole, appointed under the provisions of "The Local Government Act," be included for the purposes of the "Representation of the People Act," within the borough of Chester, for the following reasons:—That the said Local Board District adjoins the city of Chester, being divided therefrom by a brook which forms the boundary, the general railway station at Chester being built partly within the city of Chester, and partly within the Local Board District of Hoole.

The said district lying contiguous to the city of Chester, is rapidly increasing in population, and has now a population of nearly 2,000 persons, principally living within half a mile of the city of Chester, and the rateable value of the district is 6,277 *l*.

The boundaries of the said district were defined by an Order of Sir G. Grey, Bart., one of Her Majesty's Secretaries of State, dated the 23rd March 1864, and the said order was duly published in the "London Gazette," of the 25th day of March 1864.

The majority of the houses in the district are under the rateable value of 12 *l*., and are occupied by persons not now having any vote in the election of Members of Parliament.

I purpose to attend the inquiry to be held by the Commissioners, and shall be happy to give any information that I can.

I have, &c.

(signed) *J. Bridgman*,  
Clerk to the Local Board for Hoole.

To C. W. Freemantle, Esq., Secretary,  
Boundary Commissioners' Office,  
6, Old Palace-yard, Westminster, London.

#### ANSWERS to Questions put by the Assistant Commissioners.

THE Assistant Commissioners would be obliged by your supplying the following information, viz.:—in the undescribed district, viz.:

What is the number of houses in this district? 42.

What is the average rental of these houses? Varying from 4 *l*. to 80 *l*. The rental of about one-half is 10 *l*. and under; the average of the whole, 23 *l*.

What is the estimated population of this district? 220.

Commencing from the point where the townships of Newton and Hoole join the city of Chester up the Turnpike-road, Frodsham and Chester to Newton-lane, opposite Hamilton-street, down Newton and Upton-road, to point Mrs. Drury's house, late Mr. Tilston's, down road to Backpool.

The Assistant Commissioners would be obliged by your supplying the following information, viz., in the under-described district:

What is the number of houses in this district? 320.

What is the average rental of these houses? From 10 *l*. to 12 *l*.

What is the estimated population of this district? 2,000.

Starting from the stone building, S. boundary of St. John's Parish, in Hoolmsbrook, in Mr. Lamb's brickyard, following parish boundary of St. John's parish to stone behind Mr. Moule's house, thence by hedge for 100 yards, or thereabouts, to east to bottom of lane, near Mr. Ewing's house, to Turnpike-road, Chester and Frodsham, to the point where the townships of Newton and Hoole join city of Chester.

The Assistant Commissioners would be obliged by your supplying the following information, viz., in the district thus described:

What is the number of houses in this district? 221.

What is the average rental of the houses? From 5 *l*. to 20 *l*; rental of 69 *l*., 10 *l*. and under.

What is the estimated population of this district? 1,034.

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By this district is meant the portion included by the line starting from the stone marked "Dutton, 1866," near the Saltney District Church, up Foundry-lane, to the centre of Stone Bridge, over the so-called Bollington Brook, thence down Bollington Brook to Stone Bridge Stage, and down the River Dee to Saltney Stage, where the old Parliamentary Boundary is met.

District embraced between the Bollington Brook from Foundry-lane to River Dee, by River Dee to Higher King's Ferry, thence a straight line to Michel's Nook, and then down Foundry-lane to the point started from :—

|                    |                                                                                    |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Number of houses ? | 11.                                                                                |
| Average rental ?   | From 5 <i>l.</i> to 50 <i>l.</i> Rental of 5 <i>l.</i> , 10 <i>l.</i> , and under. |
| Population ?       | 51.                                                                                |

District embraced by line starting from Saltney Stage down River Lee to Higher King Ferry, up Higher Ferry-road to Plain Point, thence by Borough boundary to Saltney Stage.

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Number of houses ? | 10.               |
| Average rental ?   | Under 5 <i>l.</i> |
| Population ?       | 50.               |

District embraced by Local Act of Hoole :—

The information as to portion of district up to Mr. Ewing's house already given ; add for remainder of district.

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Number of houses ? | 20.                |
| Average rental ?   | Above 15 <i>l.</i> |
| Population ?       | 120.               |

District of township of Boughton :—

Add to numbers on annexed sheet with reference to district south of canal, the following :

|                    |                                    |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Number of houses ? | 10.                                |
| Average rental ?   | From 18 <i>l.</i> to 100 <i>l.</i> |
| Population ?       | 50.                                |

District Boughton Iron Ship, south of canal :—

|                    |                                   |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Number of houses ? | 66.                               |
| Average rental ?   | From 7 <i>l.</i> to 100 <i>l.</i> |
| Population ?       | 230.                              |

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#### ANSWERS AS TO POPULATION, &c.

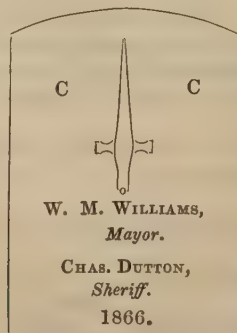
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| What is the number of houses ?     | 15.          |
| What is the average rental ?       | 26 <i>l.</i> |
| What is the estimated population ? | 81.          |

In the following district, viz. :

Bounded by the Upton-road on N. ; road from Mrs. Drury's house to Blackpool on W. ; Flooker's Brook on S. ; and Brook-lane on E.

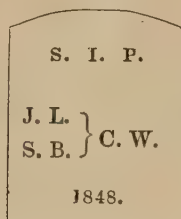
Marks on boundary stone near Saltney District Church, in Foundry-lane :—





Marks on boundary stone on Nantwich Canal, where parish boundary of St. John's meets the Parliamentary boundary. The nearest boundary stone to the canal stands near edge on north side of the railway, and distant about 40 yards from the canal, and is in a line with the parish boundary mark on the south side of the canal, and bears the following inscription:—

1863 - - (painted on top).



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Return of number of vessels up to Saltney last year:—

|                                     |                                           |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Number of vessels?                  | 700.                                      |
| Name of brook at Saltney?           | Stoop Bridge, otherwise Balderton Brook.  |
| Bridge Chester and Hawarden-road?   | Stoop Bridge, otherwise Balderton Bridge. |
| Road leading westward past Saltney  |                                           |
| Church, Green-lane, or Common-lane? |                                           |
| Bridge in ditto?                    | No name.                                  |

You may describe this brook as a certain brook commencing at the Lache Eyes, and running under a certain bridge in Green-lane or Common-lane, leading westward past Saltney District Church, thence on under the Chester and Mold Turnpike-road to the Stoop Bridge Stage on the River Dee, adjoining the works of Messrs. Proctor & Ryland's manure manufactures, and which said Brook is sometimes called the Stoop Bridge Gutter or Balderton Brook.





## DARLINGTON.

### 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

1. THE new Parliamentary borough of Darlington, as provisionally defined in "The Representation of the People Act, 1867," comprises the townships of Darlington, Haughton-le-Skerne, and Cockerton. It will be observed, upon reference to the Ordnance map, that there is to the south a small outlying portion of the township of Darlington, called in the map Oxney Field, but the proper designation of which appears to be Oxen-le-Field, which is included in the Parliamentary borough, though separated from the main part of it by the township of Blackwell; so that the present provisional boundary is not continuous.

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2. The municipal boundary of Darlington (with which that of the Darlington Local Board of Health district coincides) comprises that township only, including the above-mentioned outlying portion. The boundaries of the Parliamentary and municipal boroughs are therefore not conterminous. The municipal borough has been created only recently and since the passing of "The Representation of the People Act, 1867."

3. For the purposes of this report, it is only necessary further to mention the township of Whessoe, which, as will be seen from the map, immediately adjoins on the north the township of Cockerton and Haughton-le-Skerne.

4. At our inquiry much interest was shown in the question of what should be included in the limits of the new Parliamentary borough, and the following questions arose and were elaborately discussed, namely—

1. Whether the detached portion above mentioned of the township of Darlington should be retained in the Parliamentary borough?

2. Whether all or any part of the township of Haughton-le-Skerne should be so retained?

3. Whether all or any part of the township of Cockerton should be so retained?

4. Whether the township of Blackwell should be added to the present provisional Parliamentary borough?

5. Whether all or any part of the township of Whessoe should be so added?

5. In our view the first and fourth of these questions are really one, *i. e.*, if the township of Blackwell is to be added, the detached portion of the township of Darlington should be retained, but not otherwise. We will, therefore, deal first with these two questions.

6. It cannot be doubted that the town of Darlington is rapidly growing, as the following statistics with which we were furnished will show. The area of the township (including the detached portion) is 3,350·423. Its population in the year 1841 was 11,033; in the year 1851, was 11,582; and in the year 1861, rose to 15,789; and its present estimated population is 25,000. The number of inhabited houses in the year 1861 was 2,883, and is now 4,234, showing an increase since the year 1861 of 1,351 inhabited houses. Moreover, buildings are still rapidly spreading, a great deal of land is laid out for building, and the value of land in the township is accordingly very high.

7. All of this however (except as to the area above given), applies to the township of Darlington, exclusively of the detached portion called Oxen-le-Field, which is purely agricultural. Its area is 345·209 acres, upon which there is only one farm, the occupier of which will of course have a county vote; nor to all appearance is there any prospect of a town population ever springing up there. The reason, no doubt, for its inclusion in the Parliamentary borough was, that it forms part of the township of Darlington; but we do not think this a sufficient reason for retaining it, unless the township of Blackwell be added to the Parliamentary borough so as to form one continuous boundary, but we see no sufficient reason for recommending this addition.



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8. With respect to the township of Blackwell, its area is 1,588·865 acres, and, according to the statistics furnished to us, its population in the year 1861 was 336, and is estimated to amount now to 350. In the same year it contained 65 inhabited houses, and it contains the same number now. It will thus be seen that there can be no reason for including this township, unless with the view of making allowance for the future extension of the town of Darlington in this direction, but our inquiries led us to the conclusion that no such extension is to be expected. Along the Grange Road, indeed, the town is extending, and nearly reaches the boundary of Blackwell township, but on either side of this road, *i. e.*, both in the south-east and south-west of the township of Darlington, immediately on the north of the township of Blackwell, there is a great deal of land available for buildings; and, further, the works and manufactories of Darlington are not spreading, and are not likely to spread southwards; and, at present, at least, land cannot be obtained in Blackwell and adjoining Darlington for building purposes. It is not improbable that, in the course of the next thirty years, gentlemen's houses standing in their own pleasure-grounds, and, perhaps, some small detached villas, may be built and occupied in the township of Blackwell; but there seems no prospect of a properly town population spreading there. We, therefore, do not recommend its inclusion; and, as what seems to us an almost necessary consequence, we recommend the exclusion of the above-mentioned detached portion of the township of Darlington. We may add that this conclusion was very generally acquiesced in at our public inquiry.

9. We send herewith, also, a memorial to the Commissioners (marked A in red ink) from the ratepayers of the township of Blackwell against the inclusion of the township in the new Parliamentary borough.

10. We propose now to deal together with the second and third of the questions above stated, namely, those relating to the retention in the Parliamentary borough of the townships of Haughton-le-Skerne and Cockerton, as considerations of the same kind appear to us to apply to both townships.

11. Upon reference to the Ordnance map, it will be seen that the following railways meet at Darlington; namely, the railway from London and York to Newcastle and the north, which passes through the townships of Cockerton, Haughton-le-Skerne, and Whessoe; the Stockton and Darlington Railway, which connects Darlington with Stockton, Middlesbrough and the Hartlepoons, and passes through the township of Haughton-le-Skerne; the railway from Darlington to Barnard Castle, which passes through the township of Cockerton, and then on into Westmoreland, and connects itself with the line from London to Carlisle, and so with the railways on the west of England; and lastly, the railway to Bishops Auckland, which passes through the townships of Cockerton and Whessoe. There are two railway stations connected with each other, one to the north and one to the south-east of the town; Darlington, therefore, possesses unusual railway facilities, and whilst somewhat further from the great Cleveland iron district than Middlesbrough or Stockton are, is, on the other hand, nearer to the coal district.

12. The great ironworks of Darlington are placed, and are spreading round the points where these lines of railway meet, and will continue to follow those lines, except to the south, which is going away from the mineral districts. The existing works are not all shown on the map, and in particular, Mr. Barningham has some very extensive works situate partly in the north-west corner of the township of Darlington, and partly in the township of Haughton-le-Skerne, the latter portion having been erected quite recently.

13. Assuming, what there seems no reason to doubt, that notwithstanding the present temporary depression in trade, the rapid increase in the works, population, and houses of Darlington will, on the whole, continue, it is plain that at no distant period a large overflow of its population must take place into the townships of Haughton-le-Skerne and Cockerton. It may, indeed, be expected to spread for the next few years rather towards the north than towards the east, but works and dwellings will, sooner or later, arise to the east, also along the line of the Stockton and Darlington Railway. A good deal of land has already been taken up and partly built upon on the north, in the township of Cockerton, and land is very dear in both the townships, though naturally not at present so dear as in the township of Darlington.

14. The statistics of the two townships are as follows: The area of Haughton-le-Skerne is 1,946,063 acres; its population in 1861 was 536, and is estimated to amount now to 575, and the number of inhabited houses in 1861 was 125, and is now 128. As to Cockerton, its area is 1,808 acres, its population in 1861 was 576, and is estimated to amount now to 1,000, and the number of inhabited houses was 122 in 1861, and is now 295.

15. There is, therefore, little or no present growth in Haughton-le-Skerne, but considerable growth in Cockerton; and these figures illustrate our previous remark, that at present the growth is northwards. Still, as we have said, it is to be anticipated that that growth will at no distant period extend itself to Haughton-le-Skerne, and we see no sufficient reason for recommending the exclusion of either township from the Parliamentary borough.

16. At the same time we ought to mention that the inhabitants of Haughton-le-Skerne are almost unanimously, and very strongly, opposed to the inclusion of their township. The Rector, the Rev. Mr. Cheese, appeared to represent them, and handed in the following documents, which we have marked respectively, in red ink, B, C, D, E, and F. The first

is a petition from the inhabitants to the House of Commons; the next three are respectively memorials to the Commissioners from the inhabitants, the owners of land, and the non-ratepayers, all against inclusion; and the fifth is a statement of the reasons alleged against their inclusion, with statistics. We have thought it right to enclose this document, because it was alleged that the township was taken by surprise, and found that it was included in the Schedule to the Act without its inhabitants having ever been made aware that it was intended to propose their inclusion; and we thought, therefore, that it would be more satisfactory to them if we laid their case before the Commissioners in their own words. We must observe, however, that although the fear of being eventually brought into the municipal borough is not put forward as one of their reasons, yet the answers which we elicited at our inquiry, as well as our unvarying experience in other boroughs, satisfied us that here, as elsewhere, this was really the main objection. We may add, that there is no local board of health in the township.

17. With regard to Cockerton, it was, after a little inquiry, conceded on all hands, that that portion of it to the north of the township of Darlington must be retained in the Parliamentary borough, but some influential persons who desired to limit the borough as far as possible to the township of Darlington, and who were at first opposed to the inclusion of any part of either Haughton-le-Skerne or Cockerton, finally suggested the more limited boundary (but including also a portion of the township of Whessoe) which we have shown on the accompanying supplemental map, and have there included in a line dotted violet. Their ground was, that those portions of the two townships of Haughton-le-Skerne and Cockerton which they thus proposed to exclude, were, and were likely to remain, purely agricultural; but our examination of the locality showed us that (and more especially in the township of Cockerton) buildings and works not shown by the Ordnance survey (having been erected subsequently to that survey) were in existence close to the proposed line, and many streets were laid out. We observed also the evident direction that works and buildings must eventually take along the lines of railway, as above pointed out, and came to the conclusion that no convenient boundary could be taken short of the entire township.

18. With regard to the township of Whessoe, its area is 1,443 acres; its population in 1861 was 153, and is estimated to amount now to 170; and in the same year the number of inhabited houses was 26, and is now 33. At first sight, therefore, there would seem to be no reason for the inclusion of this township, but, as already observed, works and population are tending northwards, and a limited company is now erecting ironworks in this township on a freehold site close to the railway to Bishops Auckland, and just south of Burtree-lane. The shareholders are mainly artificers, and from the industrial classes. They expect, when in full work, to employ from 600 to 800 men. The adjoining land on both sides of the lane is in the market for building sites, and the new houses that have been built in the township have been built here. The shareholders are naturally very sanguine of success, and are anxious that this district should be brought into the borough. At our inquiry a general willingness was expressed to meet this desire, and the more limited boundary to which we have alluded includes that portion of Whessoe township which is included within the triangle formed by the township boundary on the south, and by Burtree and Whessoe lanes; but this limit is open to the same objection as the more limited boundary proposed for Haughton-le-Skerne and Cockerton, namely, that, at least if the company succeeds, the buildings will certainly extend beyond that boundary. Upon the whole, though the line of the railway certainly might be taken as the boundary on the west, yet we think it as well that the whole, if any part, of the township should be included, and we have tinted it blue on the accompanying six-inch Ordnance survey map.

19. We therefore recommend that the new Parliamentary borough of Darlington should be defined, so as to include the following area:—

1. The township of Darlington, except that detached portion of it called Oxen-le-Field.
2. The township of Haughton-le-Skerne.
3. The township of Cockerton.
4. The township of Whessoe.

20. We return herewith a document forwarded to us from the Boundary Commission Office, containing a suggestion by a Mr. Allison as to the boundary of the borough which he withdrew at our inquiry, and we return also two letters from the Rev. Mr. Cheese.

*R. C. Moody,*  
Major General.

*Algernon Bathurst.*



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2.—PETITIONS.

— NONE. —

3.—MEMORIALS.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland  
in Parliament assembled :

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the Township of Haughton-le-Skerne,  
near Darlington, in the County of Durham,

Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners observe that in the Bill promoting the representation of the people, introduced into and now in Committee of your Honourable House, it is proposed to constitute Darlington, in the county of Durham, a Parliamentary borough, and to include in such borough the townships of Cockerton and Haughton-le-Skerne.

That the inhabitants of the township of Darlington are estimated at 23,000, and that its inhabited houses are about 3,800, and, taking the average of the last three years, are increasing at the rate of 300 per annum ; which, in the opinion of your Petitioners, is alone sufficient to entitle it to Parliamentary representation.

That the township of Haughton-le-Skerne, which contains about 530 inhabitants, forms no part of the parish or township of Darlington.

That the township of Haughton-le-Skerne has always been separate and distinct from Darlington ; that the interests of the inhabitants are not identical but wholly distinct, the interests of the township of Haughton-le-Skerne being rural, and those of the inhabitants of Darlington being urban.

That the inhabitants of the township of Haughton-le-Skerne have no wish to be included or joined with Darlington, either for Parliamentary or municipal purposes, or for any other purpose, but are quite adverse to it, and are proposed to be included with Darlington for Parliamentary purposes, without any notice or application to them and against their wish.

That so far as their political position and rights are concerned, your Petitioners are perfectly satisfied, and have no wish that the same should be altered.

Your Petitioners, therefore, pray your Honourable House that the said Bill now before your Honourable House may be amended in such a manner as to prevent your Petitioners being joined with the inhabitants of Darlington, for political or Parliamentary purposes.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[63 Signatures.

To the Honourable the Boundary Commissioners for England,

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the Township of Haughton-le-Skerne  
near Darlington, in the County of Durham,

Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners observe that in the Act passed in the present Session of Parliament for amending the representation of the people, the town of Darlington, in the county of Durham, is constituted a Parliamentary borough, and in such borough it is proposed to include the townships of Cockerton and Haughton-le-Skerne.

That the inhabitants of the township of Darlington are estimated at 23,000, that its inhabited houses are about 3,800, and, taking the average of the last three years, are increasing at the rate of 300 per annum, which, in the opinion of your Petitioners is alone sufficient to entitle it to Parliamentary representation.

That



That the township of Haughton-le-Skerne forms no part of the parish or township of Darlington, and has always been separate and distinct from it.

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That the interests of the inhabitants are not identical but wholly distinct, the interests of the township of Haughton-le-Skerne being rural, and those of the inhabitants of Darlington being urban.

That the inhabitants of the township of Haughton-le-Skerne have no wish to be included or joined with Darlington, either for Parliamentary or municipal purposes, or any other purpose, but are quite adverse to it, and are prepared to be included with Darlington for Parliamentary purposes, without any notice or application to them, and against their wish.

That, so far as their political position and rights are concerned, your Petitioners are perfectly satisfied, and have no wish that the same should be altered.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that they may not be joined with the inhabitants of Darlington, for political or Parliamentary purposes.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[60 Signatures.

To the Honourable the Boundary Commissioners for England.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Owners of Land in the Township of Haughton-le-Skerne, near Darlington, in the County of Durham,

Showeth,

THAT, whereas the inhabitants of the township of Haughton-le-Skerne have already presented a petition to the Honourable the House of Commons and to the Honourable the Boundary Commissioners, stating their objection to be included in the Parliamentary borough of Darlington, we, the landowners whose names are hereunto subscribed, beg most emphatically to indorse the statements therein expressed, and to state that, so far as the political rights connected with our property in the said township are concerned, we are perfectly satisfied therewith, and have no wish for the township to be included in the borough of Darlington.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[14 Signatures.

To the Honourable the Boundary Commissioners for England.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Non-ratepayers of the Township of Haughton-le-Skerne, near Darlington, in the County of Durham,

Showeth,

THAT, whereas the inhabitants of the township of Haughton-le-Skerne have already presented a petition to the Honourable the House of Commons and to the Honourable the Boundary Commissioners, stating their objection to be included in the Parliamentary borough of Darlington, we, the non-ratepayers whose names are hereunto subscribed, beg most emphatically to indorse the statements therein expressed, and to state that, so far as our political position and rights are concerned, we are perfectly satisfied therewith, and have no wish to be included in the borough of Darlington.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[41 Signatures.

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#### 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

PAPER handed in by Mr. A. Bathurst, Assistant Commissioner.

Reasons why Haughton-le-Skerne should not be included in the Parliamentary Borough of Darlington.

The township of Haughton-le-Skerne is a rural district, the pursuits and interests of its inhabitants being agricultural.

It contains a population of 575 inhabitants, an area of 1,946 acres, and 129 occupied houses.

The total rateable value of the township amounts to 6,710 *l.* 2 *s.*, derived from the following sources, viz.:—

|                                                                                        | £.    | s. | d. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----|----|
| Farms and land - - - - -                                                               | 3,255 | 10 | -  |
| Houses - - - - -                                                                       | 1,078 | -  | -  |
| Railways passing through the township - -                                              | 1,905 | 10 | -  |
| Brickyards - - - - -                                                                   | 133   | 15 | -  |
| Corn mill - - - - -                                                                    | 50    | -  | -  |
| Stockton and Inborough Water Company's pipes<br>passing through the township - - - - - | 25    | -  | -  |
| Telegraph - - - - -                                                                    | 5     | 7  | -  |
| Tithes - - - - -                                                                       | 257   | -  | -  |
| £.                                                                                     | 6,710 | 2  | -  |

The following analysis will show the number of houses within the township occupied by those whose interests are agricultural, and by those whose interests are urban :

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| Number of houses of 12 <i>l.</i> rateable value and upwards occupied by males whose interests are agricultural - - - - -                                     | 39 |
| Number of houses of 12 <i>l.</i> rateable value and upwards, occupied by males whose interests and employment are urban, and connected with Darlington - - - | 4  |
| Number of houses under 12 <i>l.</i> rateable value occupied by males whose employment or interests are agricultural - - - - -                                | 39 |
| Number of houses under 12 <i>l.</i> rateable value, occupied by males whose employment or interests are urban, and connected with Darlington - - - -         | 19 |
| Number of houses of 12 <i>l.</i> rateable value and upwards, occupied by females - - -                                                                       | 12 |
| Number of houses under 12 <i>l.</i> rateable value, occupied by females - - - - -                                                                            | 16 |

Several public meetings have been held in the township, and a very strong feeling has been unanimously expressed by the inhabitants against their inclusion in the borough of Darlington, the interests of the borough being neither alike nor in common with theirs.

The following analysis will show the numbers of those who have signed Petitions to the House of Commons and the Boundary Commissioners, against the inclusion.

Of the 78 male occupiers whose interests and employment are agricultural, 78 have signed Petitions against their inclusion.

Of the 23 male occupiers, whose interests or employment are within and connected with Darlington, 20 have signed Petitions against their inclusion.

Of the owners of land and property of the rateable value of 4,808 *l.* 12 *s.*

Owners of the rateable value of 3,831 *l.* 7 *s.* have signed Petitions against their inclusion.

Out of the total number of owners and occupiers in the township, not more than six have expressed any wish to be included in the borough of Darlington, or have refused to sign Petitions against their inclusion; the remainder have not signed, from absence or other causes.

The above-mentioned facts show, conclusively, that it is the wish of nearly all interested in

in the township of Haughton to remain in the county representation, and not to be merged in the borough or urban interest.

Of the 101 male occupiers in the township, 43 will have county votes, under the provisions of the Reform Bill, and they are perfectly satisfied to remain as they are.

Further, that although Darlington has, during the last 10 years, so materially increased its population and number of houses, as to render it of sufficient importance to return a Parliamentary representative, yet, during the same number of years, only 20 new houses have been erected in Haughton, and the population has increased from the census of 1861 to the present time 39 only; thus showing that however much Darlington may have grown, Haughton has not shared in its extension.

Neither, even were it assumed that Darlington should continue to increase in the same ratio as it has done for the last 10 years, are there any facts to warrant the supposition that Haughton will be affected thereby; the large area of land available for building sites within the borough of Darlington precludes the idea that for many years to come, however prosperous Darlington may be, that Haughton will be changed in its character.

The extension of the borough boundaries was, undoubtedly, intended to apply to such cases as where the growth of towns had so extended into adjoining townships as to change the majority of its population from rural to urban; this does not apply to the township of Haughton, for inasmuch as the total number of house occupiers, whose employment is in the borough of Darlington, only amount to 23, the remaining occupiers of 106 houses still retain their rural character, and view with much aversion their proposed inclusion in the Parliamentary borough of Darlington.

We, the undersigned Overseers of the township of Haughton-le-Skerne, hereby vouch for the correctness of the statements contained in this paper.

*John Colling.  
Joseph Banks.*

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PAPER put in by Mr. Pease, M.P.

EXTRACT from the "Darlington and Stockton Telegraph," Saturday 26th October 1867.

*The Boundary Commissioners at Darlington.*

ON Tuesday, Major General R. C. Moody, R.E., and Mr. Algernon Bathurst, barrister-at-law, two of the Assistant Commissioners appointed by the Boundary Commissioners for England and Wales, under the provisions of "The Representation of the People Act, 1867," attended at the court-room, police station, Darlington, for the purpose of inquiring into the boundaries of the borough of Darlington, as constituted by the Act. There was a good attendance at the court, which was nearly full all day, and a great deal of interest was manifested in the proceedings throughout. Amongst the gentlemen present were Messrs. A. Kitching, H. K. Spark, W. A. Wooler, G. Allison, W. Thompson, R. Teasdale, E. T. Pease, J. Kay, J. Stephenson, J. Dresser, W. Foggitt, J. Bucton, E. Kipling, H. Dunn, W. Hildreth, J. G. Grace, R. Willan, G. Webster, O. B. Wooler, G. Wailes (Haughton), T. Claybills, H. Reah, R. B. Dixon, Jas. Coffey, T. B. Speciall, D. Nesham, the Rev. E. Cheese, G. Richmond (Haughton), G. Dickenson (Blackwell), Jno. Colling, Thomas Robinson, W. S. Stowe, (Cockerton), W. Putnam (Haughton), Jno. Bamlett (Blackwell), T. Bamlett (Oxen-le-Field), &c.

Major-General Moody, in opening the proceedings, said he would confine himself simply to requesting that those who might have any statements to bring forward which were likely to be contradicted, or met with counter-statements of a different character, to endeavour to say out fully and completely, and exhaustively, all they might wish to set forward upon the point, and those who were likely to follow, to abstain as much as possible from interrupting the speakers. They would be glad to hear everything that could be said on the subject, but as practical men of business, they would like the speakers to confine themselves to the facts and practical bearings of the case, as to whether any portion should be included or not in the Parliamentary borough. They would give every man credit for proceeding from right and good, and proper motives, so long as he confined himself to the matter in question, and did not diverge into discursive statements.

Mr. Bathurst said he would only add, that the question for their consideration was whether there was any reason for altering the boundaries as they were defined by the present Act, either by addition or contraction. He saw that the Parliamentary description of the borough was the townships of Darlington, Haughton-le-Skerne, and Cockerton, so he thought they should take their inquiry in that order, and first hear what was to be said of Darlington, then Haughton-le-Skerne, and then Cockerton. He thought since the passing of the Act, a municipality had been granted to the township of Darlington, and neither Haughton nor Cockerton were in the Corporation.

Mr. H. Dunn.] That is so.

Mr. Bathurst.] Then the municipal borough will, I presume, form the boundary of the



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township of Darlington, and I suppose the boundaries of Haughton and Cockerton are well known and defined?

Mr. *H. Dunn*.] Quite so.

Mr. *Bathurst*.] Then, with reference to Darlington, we may assume that there is no question whatever with reference to it. Darlington has asked for a Member, and has got one, and therefore as far as regards the municipality of Darlington, you wish for no alterations.

Mr. *Dunn* might state that the Local Board of Health met a few days ago, when the question of the boundaries came before them, and he was instructed, as their clerk, to ask that they should exclude that detached portion of Darlington called Oxen-le-Field, in order that a better boundary might be formed for the borough. They did not wish to exclude any of the outlying districts. They had no particular views on the matter, but left it to the Commissioners. He had some facts, however, in connection with Darlington itself, which might be of service to them. The rateable value of the property of the township of Darlington only, in 1857, was 42,677; in 1867, it was 80,127 *l.*, being an increase in 10 years of 37,450 *l.* With regard to the population, there was in 1841, 11,033; in 1851, 11,582; in 1861, 15,789. The present population was estimated at about 25,000. The number of houses in 1861, was 2,883; in 1867, 4,234; but if they took the tenements where houses were divided at the present time, there were 4,740. The number of new houses sanctioned by the Local Board of Health had been in 1861, 45; 1862, 69; 1863, 130; 1864, 351; 1865, 387; 1866, 203; 1867 (up to October 10), 166; making a total since 1861, of 1,351. The number of burgesses under the new charter, was estimated at 2,623.

Mr. *Bathurst*.] The Parliamentary voters will be much larger than that?

Mr. *Dunn*.] Yes; perhaps a thousand more.

Mr. *Willan*.] There have been, of claims to be burgesses, 283.

Mr. *Dunn*.] That may bring it to about 2,850, considering that some of them may be objected to.

In answer to Major-General Moody,

Mr. *Dunn* stated that the manufactures of the town were not extending southward in the direction of Blackwell at all, and at present there was no land available for building sites. There was no likelihood of it becoming the residence of persons connected with manufactures. Mr. Allan was the owner of one-half of the village, and it was entirely agricultural. The township contained 1,588 acres, and the rateable value amounted to 4,578 *l.* Mr. *Dunn*, in answer to Mr. *Bathurst*, thought there was no land to be had in Blackwell.

Mr. *Spark* said, Oxen-le-Field was already in the municipal borough, and paid the rates, so that he conceived the onus of proof rested on those who wish to exclude it. He took it that this was an enfranchising measure, and not disfranchising.

Mr. *Dunn*.] There is only one farm, and there would be no disfranchising, as the occupier will still have a county vote.

Mr. *W. A. Wooler* said, there was every probability of Blackwell becoming the residence of what he might call the princes of Darlington, and would most likely supply the candidates for the borough.

Mr. *Bathurst* inquired if there was not a great deal of unoccupied land, affording ample space for buildings before they got to Blackwell?

Mr. *Wooler* replied, that it belonged to the Duke of Cleveland, who would let it out on lease for a term of 99 years, which did not suit north country people.

Mr. *Bathurst*.] You must bear in mind that we are not dealing with the present alone, but with what may take place a number of years hence. It may be that in five years there will not be much change, but is there reasonable supposition that in a generation, 30 years, there will be an overflow of population into Blackwell from Darlington?

Mr. *Wooler*.] Undoubtedly.

Mr. *Wm. Thompson*.] I think it is scarcely likely, when there are so many as 200 acres between Darlington and Blackwell, and very suitable places for the building of residences within the township of Darlington proper. I do not think that the Duke of Cleveland has an acre of land there.

Mr. *Wooler*.] It is probable that the most influential gentlemen of Darlington will live at Blackwell or its vicinity in future. There would be many gentlemen's mansions near the Tees he thought.

Mr. *Allison*.] It's too expensive for gentlemen's lawns at 1,600 *l.* an acre.

Mr. *Bathurst*.] Oh, the princes of Darlington will care nothing for that, will they? (Laughter.)

The Commissioners expressed an opinion, that if Blackwell were included, that would be a reason for including the outlying township of Oxen-le-Field.

Mr. *Dunn* then, on behalf of Blackwell, in his professional capacity, opposed the inclusion of that township in the Parliamentary borough of Darlington. He read a memorial signed by 33 persons, and included the names of Mr. R. H. Allan, who was the owner of 25 out of the 65 houses, Mr. Backhouse, banker, Mr. John Pease, the owner of the mansion alluded to, and Mr. Thompson. There had not been a house built in Blackwell for 15 years, excepting the one just referred to. According to the census of 1851, Blackwell contained 48 houses, and in 1861, it possessed 65. There had not been any land sold there for the last 10 years, that he was aware of. Mr. Allan had only sold two sites in Blackwell during the whole of the 25 years he had been on the estate, and there was not the slightest probability of his selling any portion of his land for building purposes.

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Mr. *H. K. Spark* said, he appeared on behalf of a public meeting called by the secretary of the Darlington enfranchisement committee, which public meeting recommended that with three dissentients, the townships of Haughton, Cockerton, Blackwell, and Whessoe, should be included in the Parliamentary boundary. They had been told that the board of health were indifferent to the inclusion of these places, but a meeting of the inhabitants was of a different opinion. Personally, he was in favour of the exclusion of Blackwell. Nearly the whole of the land in Blackwell belonged to Mr. Robert Henry Allan, who owned that portion next to Darlington, and who was not likely to dispose of it for the purposes of building residences for working men. The only fresh residents in the neighbourhood would therefore be such parties as had been described as erecting mansions there, and they would be county voters. But in the case of the other three townships, they were essentially composed of the habitations of working men.

In answer to the Commissioners,

Mr. *Bamlett* said, there were only two farm houses and one cottage, in Oxen-le-Field, and as occupier, he would rather be out of the Parliamentary borough of Darlington.

The Rev. *E. Cheese*.] I beg leave to say, that I stand here simply as the representative of the majority of my parishioners. I do not in any way appear in a political or self-interested character, but I was asked at a public meeting, which has been held in Haughton, to attend here and represent their wishes. There has been a very great feeling displayed in the parish of Haughton, with reference to this question, and I have with me several petitions signed extensively throughout that township against our inclusion in the Parliamentary borough of Darlington. The first petition which I shall ask your leave to put in as evidence is one which was signed in consequence of a large public meeting which was held in a school at Haughton, as soon as ever we discovered that we were placed in the schedule, and were to be a part of the Parliamentary borough of Darlington. I was present at that meeting, and never since I have had the honour of holding the office which I now occupy have I seen anything equal to the unanimity shown there, and that unanimity is sufficiently proved by the petition which we then sent to the House of Commons, in accordance with the advice of our representative in Parliament. We were then advised that it would be well to present a memorial to the honourable the Boundary Commissioners; and that memorial, if you will allow me, I will now read. Mr. *Cheese* then read this petition, and also two others of a like character, the one from the non-ratepayers, and the other from the land-owners.

The substance of these petitions may be gained from the following document, read by the Rev. *E. Cheese*, containing the—

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| Corn-mill - - - - -                                                                      | 50    | -  | -  |
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| Telegraph - - - - -                                                                      | 5     | 7  | -  |
| Tithes - - - - -                                                                         | 257   | -  | -  |
| £.                                                                                       | 6,710 | 2  | -  |

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(signed) “*Jno. Collins.*  
“*Joseph Banks.*”

Mr. Wooler stated that he was a landowner in the township of Haughton, and although he lived two miles out of Darlington in that direction, he knew nothing of the meetings to which Mr. Cheese had made reference. Whenever he had made inquiries he found amongst the people of Haughton the impression prevailed that if they were included in the Parliamentary borough, they would, sooner or later, come to form part of the municipal borough, and be called on, in consequence, to pay more rates. He had land, and the railway ran directly through it, and it was well adapted for building works upon. He had a relative who was building seven cottages at Haughton for the ironworks at the present time. Darlington had made a great progress within the last four years—land that he bought four years ago for 1,230 *l.* per acre had realised him within the last four years 3,000 *l.* per acre. He believed that had it not been for the failure of Overend, Gurney, & Co., the monetary panic, and strikes, they would have found Haughton in a very different position from what it was at present. There were large ironworks now in Haughton of recent construction, which would doubtless in a short time increase the population of that place.

The Rev. E. Cheese remarked that with regard to what Mr. Wooler had said, a notice of the meeting had been posted upon the church door. (Laughter.)

Mr. Bathurst.] I suppose the meetings were topics of common conversation.

Mr. Putnam replied in the affirmative, and referred to what Mr. Wooler had said relative to a friend of his building seven houses in Haughton; Mr. Wooler said it was his brother, Mr. Putnam said, in that case, it was only three houses that were building.

After some conversation,

Mr. W. Thompson stated that there had been a large number of sites laid out in Darlington—representing something like 200 acres—and he believed that even although the town of Darlington continued to progress in the same ratio as hitherto, there was sufficient building land for 50 or 100 years in the direction of Haughton, and to the westward towards Cockerton.

In answer to Mr. Bathurst,

Mr. Putnam said there were about 30 acres of land laid out for building purposes in the Throstle Nest Estate.

The Borough Surveyor referred to the Ordnance map before the Commissioners to show that the houses were being built towards Haughton.



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In reply to Mr. Bathurst,

Mr. Thompson declared his belief to be that there was a sufficient area of ground unbuilt upon in the borough of Darlington to suffice for the erection of workmen's houses without going towards Haughton-le-Skerne. He believed that the piece of ground called the Nestfield Estate, belonging to Mr. R. H. Allan, and containing about 100 acres, would be built upon as soon as applications were made for it. He believed that buildings would be more likely to follow the road, as better facilities for building were thereby afforded. He thought it would be a long time before buildings were put up at Haughton. Sixteen acres of land, lying to the westward of the road alluded to, had lately been sold to the owners of public works.

In answer to Mr. Bathurst,

Mr. Thompson said the rates were much less in Haughton.

Mr. Wooler had been wishing to buy land towards Haughton, because he knew that he could dispose of it instantly at a profit.

Mr. Thompson.] Houses spread towards Cockerton far more than towards Haughton.

After some further conversation, during which Mr. Cheese expressed surprise that Mr. Wooler had not heard of the public meetings at Haughton, Mr. Thompson, in answer to Mr. Bathurst, said he did not know whether, because rates were cheaper, workmen's houses would skip over the intervening land in Darlington, and be built in Haughton, on account of the rates.

Mr. Putnam adverted to the dislike which workmen always evinced to reside far from their work. He contended that they would always be near their place of employment if they could, independently of any question of rating. He and others thought that Mr. Wooler must have known of the meetings.

Mr. Barningham, in reply to Major General Moody, stated that on the works with which he was connected on the Nestfield Estate, there was sufficient cottage property already built to answer all purposes for 10 years to come.

Some conversation took place between Mr. Thompson, Mr. Wooler, and the Commissioners, relative to the price of some land which had been bought at Cockerton, but the matter was not of much interest.

Mr. H. K. Spark having spoken of the eloquence which Mr. Cheese had brought to bear upon his case, remarked that the people of Haughton had great love and reverence for their pastor, and he entertained as great respect for him as any of the petitioners did; but despite this fact, he thought he could show his respect without burking his opinion, as they seemed to have done, in signing their names to a petition to deprive themselves of the benefits of the great enfranchising measure that had been bestowed on this district. Mr. Cheese had taken them back, and shown them what Haughton had been; Mr. Thompson took them a step further, and showed them what it was at present; and he proposed to take them a step farther still, and show them what the place must necessarily be. He anticipated that Darlington was to become one of the largest and most important towns between Newcastle and Leeds. (Applause.) There is everything to support that assumption, and instead of having land enough for 200 years, as Mr. Thompson had said, they had not sufficient land laid out for two years.

Mr. Bathurst.] Do you anticipate the use of 200 acres in two years?

Mr. Spark.] I mean to say that in my opinion the land is not laid out in Darlington that will satisfy in the way of building for the working classes for two years. Haughton is already an essential part of Darlington, and is becoming more so day by day, becoming the dwelling place of the working men of Darlington; and therefore entitled to be included within the Parliamentary boundaries. Some one had suggested that Mr. Barningham's large works only had a boundary wall in Haughton, but those large new works were erected in Haughton.

Mr. Bathurst.] Mr. Barningham will tell us about that presently.

Mr. Spark continued.] These works in Haughton are capable of employing many hundreds of persons, and as a gentleman who has gone before me has informed you that workmen like to have their dwellings near their work, you may fairly assume that there will be hundreds of workmen going to live in the vicinity of Mr. Barningham's new works. This application tended to disfranchise the working men of Darlington, and I am quite sure that the Commissioners will hesitate before taking a step of that retrograde character. Mr. Spark next alluded to the impression which prevailed at Haughton, that the inclusion within the Parliamentary borough would bring the inhabitants under the payment of Darlington rates. The number of signatures which they found appended to the petitions before them had, in many instances, been given under this misapprehension. Then 43 county voters had been satisfied, although their less fortunate neighbours would remain without enfranchisement. Whether it would satisfy the working men of Haughton or Darlington, he left them to judge. He contended that this was no expression of the wishes of working men.

Mr. Bathurst.] Are these 43 voters included under the new Act?

Mr. Cheese answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Spark then read a letter from Mr. Allan, before published, which stated that the corporation of Cockerton and Haughton would operate most beneficially. Mr. Spark then said that the spread of population was toward Haughton; that already it had reached within 400 yards of the parish church, and that it would be hard to tell where Darlington ends and Haughton begins.

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Mr. *Cheese*, referring to what Mr. *Spark* had said, remarked that he appeared there that day, as the memorialists showed, as the representative of a majority of the inhabitants of the township, and in that capacity, and none other, had he appeared that day, and taken an interest in that movement.

Mr. *Bathurst* exonerated Mr. *Cheese* from any suspicion of having used his influence unduly.

Mr. *Spark* protested it was unfair for it to be supposed that he had inferred anything of the kind. After further explanations the matter dropped.

A conversation followed as to whether the prevailing fear of the inhabitants of Haughton had not been that if they were included in the Parliamentary boundary, they would have to pay borough rates. The Commissioners said they had found this idea prevalent in other places.

Mr. *Robinson*, of Haughton, was examined. He wished to make it appear that no fear of being incorporated in the municipal borough was felt in Haughton, but, on being examined, he apparently inadvertently said, "We are frightened of being brought into the municipal borough, and we don't want that." (Loud laughter.)

Mr. *Dodds*, who, as a non-ratepayer of Haughton, had signed the petition against the inclusion of Haughton, declared that it was not from any fear of ultimate incorporation with the municipal borough.

Mr. *R. B. Dixon*, architect, next volunteered evidence. He produced a plan of the borough which he was instructed to prepare for the Parliamentary agents in London, and gave some explanations thereon. Haughton and Cockerton were suggested for inclusion within the borough because of their proximity to the iron works and manufactures of Darlington; for building land opened out, and the population gradually increasing in the direction of those two places, because many of the working men saved the payment of rates, bought land cheaper, and had the privilege of getting a piece of garden ground for 1s. or 2s. per yard, which in Darlington they could not get for less than 8s. or 10s. Within the last 48 hours he had sold sites for three or four new houses in Haughton village. Other land had also been laid out, and between Throstle Nest and the railway on the right hand side; Mr. Wooler's building land extended from Haughton-lane to the railway, and on the opposite side was Mr. R. H. Allan's land devoted to the same purpose, giving in all about a quarter of a mile from the last house in Haughton-lane. A great deal of delay had been experienced in getting rid of a quantity of land they had in the market in Darlington, but it was gradually getting less.

After some further desultory talk on the relative value of land in Darlington and Haughton, and the prospective increase of price,

Mr. *Dixon* had laid out four acres in Haughton Back-lane, but it had not yet been offered to the public. This land was on the west side of Haughton and opposite the footpath leading to Barningham & Co.'s works. He considered that the erection of ironworks on this particular spot would lead to the occupation of the ground in the locality when the times are better. He did not remember any land on the Darlington side of these works he had had to lay out for a similar purpose.

Mr. *Thompson*.] Twenty-seven acres of land is in the market, and plans of it have been made out; but demand has not yet been made for it.

Mr. *Dixon* intimated that a road was about to be opened out between the Grange-road and the station, and as soon as that was done the land would doubtless increase in value. It was selling now at 1 l. per yard for better class houses. He was about to offer 60 or 80 acres of land for sale, adjoining the site of the new workhouse, on the road between Darlington and Freeholder's Home. Wherever railways and works were formed, the land became of more value for building purposes. He believed the town was increasing northwards, not at all to the south.

Mr. *Thompson* stated, in reply to Major General Moody, that 50 acres of land lying between the two lines of railway had been taken up, the great inducement with purchasers being the railway communication. This land was bought up at from 1,100 l. to 1,200 l. per acre, and Mr. Barningham, he believed, bought six or seven acres for the erection of his works.

Mr. *Spark* referred to the remarks which had been made in reference to building land selling less rapidly at Haughton than other places; and inquired of Mr. *Dixon* whether, within the last two years, land had sold less rapidly there than in the average of the district generally?

Mr. *Dixon* replied in the negative; but subsequently, in answers to questions put, said he had misunderstood what was said. Certainly the land sold 10 times faster in Darlington than in Haughton for building upon.

Major General *Moody* here asked some questions in reference to the position and extent of works in the district, which were answered by

Mr. *Barningham*, who stated that he believed there was sufficient property built upon to answer all the purposes that would be required in all probability for the next 10 years to come, and something like 50, 100, or 300 sites that had been paid for, and lying in a normal condition for several years in Darlington proper. From the town of Darlington to Haughton, there had not been over four houses built during the last 50 years, and out of that number two were public-houses. He thought there was not the remotest prospect of the town extending in any respect, on account of the ironworks, and he believed that any extension that would take place was destined to be on the Durham-road. If the population was to increase to the extent of 30,000 or 40,000 people during the next 20 years, Haughton parish



parish proper would not, he believed, have an increase of over 400. He had three fields of the land in that quarter without tenancy for four years, and he had never had one single application for a building site. He knew a gentleman who had land adjoining Throstle-nest, for which no application for sites had been made. Darlington seemed to be infested with land speculators, who imagined they were going to make their fortunes, but it was a great mistake. (Loud laughter).

Mr. Wooler stated, in reply to Mr. Bathurst, that he had proposed to erect works for planing and moulding machines.

Mr. Bathurst (to Mr. Barningham).] Now, assuming that Darlington will extend in the future, in what direction do you think Darlington will tend?

Mr. Barningham.] Towards the North-road.

Mr. Spark.] At least you hope so. (Great laughter).

Mr. Barningham proceeded to explain that he argued this from the fact of the new shops and other extensive works being carried on in that vicinity. He did not think that the town would extend above his new works, in consequence of the land there being 20 or 30 feet above the railway. The Skerne water, which he had used for many years, was very injurious. He thought he should be pecuniarily better if he had used Tees water. He did not think that the water being there would lead to manufactories being built.

Mr. Spark.] What means have you of influencing the population to leave your works at Haughton, to go and live in dearer-rated Darlington?

Mr. Barningham.] Because we own the land about.

Mr. Spark.] But there is other land in Haughton besides yours?

Mr. Bathurst.] Certainly, there is not any very apparent reason why persons should not come quite close to the Skerne works on that side.

Mr. W. Thompson.] They could not do it unless I gave them leave, as they would have to cross our land.

Mr. Bathurst.] Then you are the obstacle?

Mr. Dixon.] But did you not say you were offering that land for sale?

Mr. Thompson.] Yes; I would sell it to Mr. Barningham to-morrow.

Mr. W. Walters was called by Mr. Spark, and said he possessed some property in Haughton, but he was never asked by Mr. Cheese or any other person to sign a petition to exclude Haughton from the borough till yesterday; he considered that Haughton would be much better if it was part of the Parliamentary borough of Darlington.

The Rev. E. Cheese.] May I ask the chairman of the Darlington Board of Health to state whether it is his view that the township of Haughton ought to be included in the Parliamentary district of Darlington?

Mr. Kitching.] I can only say from what I know, that I am quite aware that the rate-payers of Haughton are almost to a man opposed to it. If you ask me my own private opinion, I would answer that it should be excluded.

The Rev. E. Cheese.] A great deal has been said about a meeting called in Darlington to which the inhabitants were invited, and a great stress has been laid on the fact also of a few who are interested on the subject attending that meeting from the surrounding neighbourhood, and it has also been stated that I was one of those present. I was present, and the reason why I was there was that I supposed that the meeting would be really a *bonâ fide* conference on the part of gentlemen interested in this question, and that we were invited to confer on the subject; but when I got into the room I was exceedingly surprised to find, so far from being a conference it was a meeting held by a committee of gentlemen who have done a great deal, I must say, for this town—I will give them all honour for what they have done—but at the same time it was a meeting of that committee, who professed at that meeting to represent the town. Now I looked around to see the gentlemen whom I am in the habit of seeing at the great meetings of this important town, and I did not see them. I looked around me and saw those whom I equally respect, amongst whom my lot is cast, the working men, and I give them all honour, all sympathy, and all respect. My work is with them, and my sympathies are ever with anything that they may promote. But when I looked for the influential gentlemen of the town I did not see any of them present. I found there was a meeting of the Darlington Enfranchisement Committee, which was reported in the Darlington paper next week, and it seemed as if the Darlington Enfranchisement Committee—of whom I will not say one single word that is not to their honour—were prepared *volens volens* to thrust upon Haughton by their resolutions, whether they would have it or not, this privilege. Gentlemen, I wish to call your attention to the fact, that that was virtually a meeting of the Enfranchisement Committee, and that none of the people of Haughton attended it because they felt they would have an opportunity of stating their opinions before you; and therefore, although I was there in a private capacity, I did not speak on that occasion, nor take any part in the proceedings. My friend Mr. Spark presided as the chairman of the Darlington Enfranchisement Committee.

Mr. H. K. Spark.] I hope you will excuse me for a moment, and allow me an opportunity of replying to these assertions. I declare that it was a public meeting, attended by the public of Darlington and the district, and some of the persons who took a prominent part in that meeting were not members of the Enfranchisement Committee at all. (Hear, hear.) As to the character of the persons at that meeting I am not going to refer to the invidious remarks of Mr. Cheese. The implication is that the gentlemen taking part in that meeting were not influential. If that is so I can only say that it is simply a matter of opinion, and a matter of good or bad taste as to how and where that opinion should be



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expressed. That meeting I declare to you was a public meeting, well attended, and where everybody was invited to speak. It partook of the nature of a conversation as well as a consultation, and if the Commissioners will read, as no doubt they will, the report of that meeting, they will find the opinion given of it by Mr. Cheese is entirely erroneous.

Mr. Bathurst.] Oh, certainly.

Mr. *Speiell* then addressed the commissioners. He said, as the political agent of the Liberal Member for South Durham, it might naturally be thought he had been brought into connection with these questions. He believed a very important part of the town was not represented at the meeting referred to by Mr. Cheese, who had so thoroughly disposed of its pretensions. It had been his business to pay attention to these matters, and watch their effects with regard to party politics; but he had never been able to get such a very great deal of information in such a manner as he had that day received from Mr. Barningham, than whom no person was more able to speak on the subject in the district. Mr. Barningham had told them if the iron works did extend, in what course they would probably take, and he had also given them an idea of what possibility of extension there was. Now, the question as he understood it, was whether they should or not draw a line including a homogeneous population. He suggested that a line should be drawn excluding Haughton church, and then going up the lane to Harrowgate toll-bar. The whole of Haughton township, he contended, was purely of an agricultural character, and composed entirely of a rural population. So much had been heard of the extension of ironworks in the township of Cockerton, that were it not for a portion of it being agricultural, he should have been prepared to take in the whole of that township. Whessoe was hardly a village, for it only contained 110 or 112 people. There were some projected ironworks being erected by a limited liability company, but if they wanted anything like a borough population they should certainly exclude Whessoe. He would, therefore, suggest the exclusion of Whessoe and the village of Haughton, and if it were thought fit, the agricultural part of Cockerton. By so doing they would only include a population depending on Darlington, interested in Darlington, and engaged in carrying out its trade, and building up its prosperity.

Mr. *Spark* said he felt that it was the wish of a large portion of the inhabitants of Darlington that these townships should be wholly included.

The township of Cockerton was next proceeded with.

Mr. W. Thompson, Mr. T. Robinson, and Mr. W. S. Stowell were the only persons present representing it, and they proposed that a line should be drawn excluding that portion of Cockerton which was agricultural, whilst they included that on which it was anticipated buildings would be erected.

Mr. *Thompson* stated that there was no likelihood of any dwellings or works being erected on the part which they proposed to exclude, during the next 50 or 100 years.

Mr. *Wooler* advocated the inclusion of another portion of Cockerton, inasmuch as the development of Whessoe would tend to induce workmen to select that position for their residence.

Mr. *Bathurst* suggested to Messrs. Thompson, Robinson, and Stowell, that they should prepare statistics as to the acreage, population, inhabited houses, and rateable value of the portion they wished to include, and also of that which they proposed to exclude.

Mr. *Stowell* stated that the inhabitants of that part of Cockerton which they proposed to exclude were only somewhere about 100 in number, and had a decided objection to being part of the borough; amongst the rest diversities of opinion prevailed.

Mr. *Dunn* stated that the population of the township of Cockerton in 1861 was 576; and that since that time 173 houses had been erected.

Some further conversation took place with regard to the township of Cockerton, but nothing material was stated.

Mr. *Spark* asked the Commissioners to include the township of Whessoe. The only ground on which he urged that Whessoe should be included was that it contained the Drinkfield Ironworks.

Mr. *Howard*, Secretary to the Drinkfield Iron Company, said the nominal capital of the company was 100,000 *l.*, divided into 20,000 shares of 5 *l.* each, and there were issued at present about 5,000 shares, upon which 1 *l.* per share had been called up, and between 2,000 *l.* and 3,000 *l.* actually received, 7,000 *l.* had been expended on the works, and they had got the fee-simple of the site. The company was formed in January of this year, and every day shares were being taken up. They expected to commence work in January next. They would have to employ at least 100 at the commencement, and when fully developed they would increase that number to 600 or 800.

Mr. *Isaac Davies*, in answer to the Commissioners, said that in the course of 10 years he had no doubt they would employ 4,000 or 5,000 men. (Applause and dissent.) They had made arrangements with Mr. Garbutt, the owner of the land, for the building of dwelling-houses adjoining the works.

Mr. *Dixon* stated that 10 acres of land were already laid out by Mr. Garbutt for building sites.

Mr. *Garbutt* also expressed his wish that the Drinkfield estate should be included in the borough, and also saw no objection to the whole township being included.

Mr. *W. Thompson* thought that if the boundary included that portion of Whessoe belonging to the Drinkfield estate it would be sufficiently large.

Mr. *Wooler* believed that it was possible that buildings would be erected outside this line, and

and therefore the whole township of Whessoe should be included, as there was no intermediate boundary.

At the conclusion of the inquiry Mr. Wooler called the attention of the Commissioners to a peculiar description of iron, called spathic carbonite, which he had used for six or seven years, and found to be superior to forged iron, for which he gave 15 £. a ton. It would never break or show a crack, and was exceedingly white in colour. It had also been used in the manufacture of agricultural implements. It abounded near Towlaw. Darlington ought to be the centre town for its reception, and he was quite satisfied that if this material could be manipulated in Darlington instead of being sent to Leeds and Sheffield, as had been the case, this town would be considerably increased, both in commercial prosperity, in population, and its position, as compared with its contemporaries.

The *Commissioners* then thanked all those who had given evidence, stating that they would examine the boundaries for themselves, and take great care to forward a faithful report of all the evidence offered. They would be glad to have the assistance of the town surveyor, as well as that of Mr. Dickinson, the late surveyor, in surveying the boundaries.

Mr. *Spark* proposed a vote of thanks to the Commissioners.

The Rev. *E. Cheese* seconded the proposition.

The Commissioners having acknowledged the vote of thanks, the proceedings were concluded, having lasted from eleven o'clock till four.

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## G A T E S H E A D.

## 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

REPORT upon the Parliamentary Boundary of the Borough of *Gateshead*.

1. THE Parliamentary borough of Gateshead comprises the parish of Gateshead and a portion of the chapelry of Heworth; and it is to be observed that three ecclesiastical districts have been formed from out of the chapelry of Heworth, namely, the Ecclesiastical District of Heworth, the Ecclesiastical District of Felling, and the Ecclesiastical District of St. Alban; and a portion of these two latter ecclesiastical districts respectively is within the Parliamentary borough. The Parliamentary and municipal boroughs are conterminous. According to the accompanying six-inch Ordnance survey map, the area of the borough appears to be 3,010° 718. According to the census of 1861, its population then was 33,587, and the present estimated population is about 39,000.

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2. From our inquiries and personal inspection of localities, there did not appear to us to be sufficient grounds for recommending addition to the Parliamentary borough, except easterly, in the direction of the three ecclesiastical districts above mentioned. The borough is steadily increasing, and residential occupation is spreading towards the south-west, where there is still ample room within the borough.

3. On the east, and beyond the limits of the borough, large manufactories and works, with their attendant population and dwellings, are spreading along the right bank of the River Tyne, and also higher up and in a parallel direction, along the Monkwearmouth-road, a district of dwelling-houses is steadily increasing. These manufactories, works, and dwellings are chiefly in the places known as High Felling, Low Felling, Felling Shore, St. Alban, Heworth Shore, Heworth Lane, Nether Heworth, and Bill Quay. All of these are situate in one or other of the three ecclesiastical districts above named.

4. At our public inquiry objections were made to any addition to the Parliamentary borough, upon much the same grounds, political, and with reference to the abolition of compounding for poor rates, and the possible extension hereafter of the municipal boundary to which we have alluded in our Report upon the borough of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and also upon the ground that there is much unoccupied land in the present borough; but with reference to the entire district now in question, we may observe that it has not, as the township of Walker has, a local board of health district, and the inhabitants had, in fact, refused to constitute one only a short while before our visit; and we may mention that if such considerations are admissible at all, it was very obvious, from our personal inspection that the sanitary state of the district is such that a remedy should speedily be applied.

5. It appeared to us, from our inquiry and inspection, that if the boundary of the borough of Gateshead were now being defined for the first time, it would be natural to include the area to the east of the present borough, which we shall presently describe. According to the six-inch Ordnance survey, it comprises about 1,780 acres; its population is rapidly increasing, and may be taken to be at present about 10,000, and the number of inhabited houses is between 1,300 and 1,400. On reference to the accompanying map, it will be seen that the main line of railway from Newcastle and Gateshead to London, and also the line from Newcastle and Gateshead to Sunderland and South Shields, pass through the centre of the district, the addition of which we recommend, and in it is the station called Pilaw Junction; and the same observations which, in our report upon the borough of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, we have made with reference to the township of Walker apply also to the land in this district, between the lines of railway and the river.

6. The addition which we propose, and which we have tinted blue on the accompanying six-inch Ordnance survey map, whilst excluding 838 acres or thereabouts of purely agricultural land in the ecclesiastical district of Heworth, will include within a continuous, convenient, and easily recognised boundary, the remainder of that district, and so much of the ecclesiastical districts of St. Alban and of Felling respectively as is not already included within the Parliamentary borough.

7. We therefore recommend that the Parliamentary borough of Gateshead be extended, so as to include an additional area described as follows; that is to say:

“So much of the ecclesiastical district of Felling and of the ecclesiastical district of St. Alban as is not already included in the present Parliamentary borough; and also so much of the ecclesiastical district of Heworth as is north of a line proceeding easterly from the north-east corner of the ecclesiastical district of St. Alban, along High-lane to the junction of High-lane and the Gateshead and Monkwearmouth high road; thence easterly along the said high road until it leaves the ecclesiastical district of Heworth.”

The line referred to in the above description is more particularly shown as from A to B on the accompanying six-inch Ordnance map.

(signed) *R. C. Moody*, Major General.  
*Algernon Bathurst*.

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## 2.—PETITIONS.

PETITION of Ratepayers or Owners of Property in the Districts proposed to be added to the Parliamentary Borough of *Gateshead*.

The humble Petition of the undersigned, being ratepayers or owners of Property in the districts proposed to be added to the Parliamentary borough of Gateshead, in the county of Durham, and which are at present without the Parliamentary limits of the borough,

Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners are respectively ratepayers or owners of property within the ecclesiastical districts of Heworth, St. Albans, and Felling, all within the township or chapelry of Heworth, and in the county of Durham, and are at present without the limits of the Parliamentary borough of Gateshead.

That your Petitioners are informed and believe that a recommendation or report has been made to your honourable House, to the effect that the present borough of Gateshead should be extended so as to consist of the present borough, so much of the said ecclesiastical districts of St. Albans and Felling as is not already within the present Parliamentary borough, and so much of the ecclesiastical district of Heworth as is north of a line proceeding eastwards from the north-east corner of the said district of St. Albans, along a certain lane called High-lane, to its junction with the Gateshead and Monkwearmouth high road, thence eastwards along such high road to the point at which it leaves the said district of Heworth.

That at a public meeting, duly called and thoroughly made known in the district, of all the rated inhabitants of the three districts, held on Wednesday the 4th day of March 1868, the subject of an extension of the borough of Gateshead was fully discussed, and unanimously disapproved of, nor was there a single motion or expression in its favour; and your Petitioners believe that an extension of the borough, so as to include the three above-mentioned districts, or either of them, or any part of either, would be entirely against the wish of the ratepayers, owners of property, and inhabitants at large.

That the borough of Gateshead already contains an area of 3,010 acres, and it is proposed to add to the borough 1,780 acres, containing a population of about 10,000, which extension will remove the Parliamentary boundary of the borough more than two miles in an easterly direction beyond its present limits.

That the population proposed to be included within the borough is not on the immediate outskirts of the borough, but between the populated part of the borough and the population proposed to be admitted there is a space of country about a mile wide, which is but sparsely inhabited, and, with the exception of one or two factories on the river shore, is unbuilt upon and used for agricultural purposes.

That the lighted portion of the borough of Gateshead is out of proportion, small, compared with the unlighted portion thereof, and the deficiency is especially noticeable in the direction of the parts of the township of Heworth proposed to be included within the borough.

That the spread of the population of Gateshead is not at present eastwards, in the direction of Felling and Heworth, but southwards, within the limits of the borough; and there is every prospect of this continuing to be the case.

That the interests of Gateshead and of the above-mentioned outlying districts are not identical, nor is there any dependence upon Gateshead as a centre either of trade or industry; but the town of Newcastle, owing to facility of access and superior advantages, has ever been, and will continue to be, the centre of the trade of the Tyne river-side.

That the Parliamentary and municipal boundary of the borough on the east are at present conterminous, and were, no doubt, made so to prevent two parallel boundaries, inasmuch as the Parliamentary boundary, as it at present exists, is already far in advance of any probable extension of the population in an easterly direction.

That if a new Parliamentary boundary is formed, it will neither be conterminous with the parochial or municipal boundary, and will pass into parts of three distinct ecclesiastical districts, namely, Heworth, Felling, and St. Albans, and thereby cause great confusion and difficulty in the collection and compounding of rates in the residue of the chapelry of Heworth, and will leave a large portion of the township of Heworth, south of the High-lane and Gateshead and Monkwearmouth road, under a distinct and different authority.

That the present boundary of the borough is well known, and the proposed boundary will be irregular and delusive, and lead to three different municipal, parochial, and Parliamentary boundaries.

That in the township of Heworth, as elsewhere, there are many inhabitants who, by industry, and frugality, and forethought, have already secured for themselves, or are on the point of doing so, a county vote, and that it is unfair to deprive them of this privilege, compared with which a vote in the borough will be comparatively valueless.

That, as your Petitioners are advised and believe, the absorption of these districts into the borough of Gateshead will repeal the present system of compounding for poor's rates, and compel a personal payment of rates by the occupier; and as the rateable property of  
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the districts consists of several manufactories, and a great mass of tenemented property in the occupation of workpeople, principally of the class of labourers, rather than skilled artizans, your Petitioners are of opinion, from long experience, that the abolition of compounding will most materially diminish the gross amount received from rates, and greatly increase the cost of collection, thereby throwing a great additional burden upon the large and middle class ratepayers, who will always be called upon to supply the deficiencies caused by the poverty or removal from the districts of many of the greatly increased number of small ratepayers.

That the character and habits of the population are such that were the occupiers of property which is now compounded for separately rated, and the rates successfully collected, which is improbable, the precarious nature of their occupation, and their consequent frequent changes of residence, would debar them in many cases from the exercise of their privilege of voting.

That it is the unanimous desire of the occupiers of tenemented property now compounded for to retain their present immunity rather than be subject to the certain claim upon them for rates, the only compensation for which would be a vote in the Parliamentary borough of Gateshead.

That the inhabitants of Heworth are convinced that eventually Parliamentary and municipal boundaries will be conterminous, and they are unanimously and decidedly opposed to municipal union with Gateshead, for the following reasons:—

That the municipal borough is already in debt almost to the limit of its borrowing powers.

That the ratepayers of Heworth fear that, if united municipally to Gateshead, they would be called upon to share the burden of this debt.

That this debt has been contracted for works which can never, under any circumstances, be of any advantage whatever to the inhabitants of Heworth and Felling.

That the requirements of Gateshead are such as to demand very large annual rates, not only for the redemption of money already expended, but for the still existing and ever increasing necessities of the borough, such necessities being of a character totally unconnected with any possible advantage to the outlying districts of Heworth.

That, in the administration of the municipal funds of Gateshead, the inhabitants of Heworth feel assured, from their experience, that if they should be compelled to contribute to these funds, their separate and distant position with respect to the centre of the borough, would preclude their receiving that just attention to their local requirements which they would have a right to demand.

That the inhabitants of Felling have now, and before the declaration of the recommendation of the Boundary Commissioners, had a petition presented to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department, praying for the assignment of a convenient district for the purposes of local Government for such portions of the township as are deemed to require it, and which district was assigned by the Home Secretary, by order dated 4th March 1868, and includes the most populous part of the above-mentioned districts, and the boundaries appear in the "London Gazette" of 6th March 1868.

That the inhabitants are convinced that only by such an independent existence, and by such local and personal control, will they be able successfully, economically, and with satisfaction to the ratepayers, to cope with the sanitary and other requirements of their neighbourhood.

That these views and opinions were fully stated before the Assistant Boundary Commissioners, at their examination held in Gateshead, and were supported by representatives of all classes; and at such examination it was as clearly affirmed on the part of Gateshead that there was a strong and general feeling within the borough against any extension of the boundaries in the direction proposed.

That within the township of Heworth there are many large manufactories, which have of late been largely extended; and it is believed that it is owing to its immunity from heavy borough taxation that the township enjoys its present prosperous condition, and looks forward to a more prosperous future.

That the inhabitants cannot but foresee that annexation to the borough will be a blow to their increasing prosperity, and will depreciate the value of their property, and will be unfair and prejudicial to those who, on the faith of a continued freedom from taxation, have embarked extensively in manufactories, or otherwise invested their capital in the township of Heworth.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your honourable House will be graciously pleased not to accept the recommendation or report before mentioned, so far as regards your Petitioners, or to grant to your Petitioners such opportunity of showing their reasons against the same as the rules of your honourable House will permit.

213 Signatures.

#### PETITION of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Gateshead*.

The humble Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Gateshead, in council assembled,

Showeth,

THAT a Bill has been brought into your honourable House, intituled "A Bill to settle and describe the Limits of certain Boroughs, and the Divisions of certain Counties in England



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England and Wales, in so far as respects the Election of Members to serve in Parliament."

That the Parliamentary and municipal boundaries of the borough of Gateshead are at present conterminous.

That in and by the said Bill it is proposed that the boundary of the Parliamentary borough of Gateshead shall be altered, and shall hereafter consist of the present borough of Gateshead; so much of the ecclesiastical district of Christ Church Felling, and of the ecclesiastical district of Saint Alban Heworth, as is not already included in the present Parliamentary borough; and so much of the chapelry of Heworth as is north of a line proceeding eastward from the north-east corner of the ecclesiastical district of Saint Alban Heworth, along High Lane to the junction of High Lane and the Gateshead and Monkwearmouth high road; thence eastward along the said high road to the point at which it leaves the chapelry of Heworth.

That, in the opinion of this council, it is desirable that the Parliamentary and municipal boundaries of the borough of Gateshead, being conterminous, should so remain.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your honourable House will be graciously pleased to amend the said Bill, so as not to include any districts within the Parliamentary boundary of the borough of Gateshead, which it is not proposed to include within the municipal boundary, or to grant to your Petitioners such opportunity of showing their reasons against the same as the rules of your honourable House will permit.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Given under the common seal of the borough of Gateshead, this first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

1 Signature.

### 3.—MEMORIALS.

— None. —

### 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

PAPER handed in by Mr. A. Bathurst, Assistant Commissioner.

To Major General *Moody*, R.E., and *Algernon Bathurst*, Esq., Assistant Boundary Commissioners.

Gentlemen,

Felling, 21 Sept. 1867.

As a resident and ratepayer of the township of Heworth, I beg respectfully to lay before you the following information connected with this district, with the hope that it may tend to throw light, however little, upon the subject in which you are at present engaged. I may add that I have known this district intimately for the last 25 years, and that as officer of health for the borough of Gateshead, and practising equally in both Felling and Gateshead, I have made it my special business to acquaint myself with everything that could tend to assist me in the due discharge of my duties as officer of health. I further beg to add that I have taken a very prominent part in the attempt which has just been made, and I regret to say, failed, to obtain the Local Government Act for Heworth.

I have, &c.  
(signed) *Wm. Robinson.*

The township of Heworth, in the parish of Jarrow, and in the "Poor Law Union of Gateshead," has an area of 2,810 acres.

Population.  
Death-rate.  
Births, &c.

The population in 1861 was 10,313, and on the 30th June 1867, had increased by surplus of births over deaths to 11,600. The rate of mortality for the half-year ending 30 June 1867, was 31 per 1,000 per annum. The births during the same period amounted to 295. The ratio of increase from births is greater by at least one-third than any parish within the Gateshead poor-law union.

Rateable value.  
Rates.

The assessable value of the township of Heworth is over 33,000*l.*

Ecclesiastical divisions.

Present poor's rate, 3*s.* 6*d.* in the pound per annum. General district highway rate, 5*d.* in the pound.

For ecclesiastical purposes the township has been divided into three districts, viz., Heworth, St. Albans, and Felling. Of the two last, portions are situated within the borough of Gateshead, and, in great part of their western boundaries, are conterminous with the municipal and Parliamentary boundary of the said borough.

Felling parish  
Ecclesiastical."  
t. Albans.

Felling district or parish has an area of about 600 acres, and a population of upwards of 6,000, and a rateable value of 15,000*l.*

St. Albans has a similar area, and a population of nearly 3,000, and a rateable value of about, say, 5,000*l.*

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Heworth parish is chiefly agricultural, save that part of it adjoining the river Tyne, where it is occupied by manufactories, and only sparsely inhabited.

In Felling parish and that part of St. Albans called High Felling, 148 already possess votes, and about 100 more could be added by the 12<sup>l</sup>. county franchise. On the other hand, if the district in question was annexed to Gateshead, between 500 or 600 could vote. *N.B.* This information is given by the assistant overseer.

The number of occupiers in the said district is 875.

The sanitary condition of the township generally, and more especially that portion called Felling, Felling Shore, Heworth Shore, is most deplorable; one-third of the dwellings have no proper conveniences attached to them. There is neither drainage, water, paving, lighting, nor scavenging. Many of the houses are unfit for human habitation, and all are more or less overcrowded, as most occupiers take in lodgers, the beds being occupied night and day. Rooms are never aired, and consequently fever is endemic and epidemic. The board of guardians, the present "nuisance authority," whilst admitting the existence of the evil, state they are unable to apply a remedy. Two attempts to obtain the Local Government Act have been defeated by overwhelming majorities, on the last occasion, so recently as the 10th of September 1867. The voting being almost entirely in the hands of a few landlords, as the great bulk of the property is compounded for, the tenants have at present no voice in a matter which so closely concerns their welfare and comfort.

The police force in the township of Heworth consists of five men, three reside in Felling, one of whom is paid by and exclusively occupied in watching the works of H. L. Pattinson & Co., one man is stationed at Heworth Shore, and another at Windy Nook.

The number of persons brought before the magistrates at Gateshead petty sessions from the township of Heworth from 1st July 1866 to 30th June 1867, was 266 for offences varying from petty larceny to the more serious crimes of rape on women and children, stabbing, &c.

No county magistrate resides in the township of Heworth, the nearest residing in the borough of Gateshead, at least two miles distant, all the others at least at five to seven miles of distance. The court is held every Tuesday at Gateshead. The want of a resident magistrate is an evil which has long been felt and complained of by the inhabitants of the Felling, and many offenders escape being punished entirely from the fact of its being difficult to find a magistrate.

In conclusion, I am in favour of incorporation as an integral portion of the borough of Gateshead, both municipal and Parliamentary, of those portions of the township of Heworth, consisting of the Felling and St. Albans parishes, for the following reasons:

1st. Geographical position.

2nd. The dense population concentrated there, and the increased number of persons who could obtain the franchise being 600, as compared with 248.

3rd. The abolition of the compound tenement rating.

4th. The putting an end to the anomaly of a part only of the parishes of Felling and St. Albans being already within the borough of Gateshead, and thereby simplifying the boundaries.

5th. The increased advantages derivable in a sanitary point of view, Gateshead having already the Local Government Act in force, and carried out by an efficient staff; viz., town surveyors, &c., an inspector of nuisances, and an officer of health.

6th. From increased facilities, the more efficient administration of the law.

7th. The objection raised to incorporation with Gateshead seems to me futile, as the rates in Heworth are already 4 *s.* in the pound, and it is admitted by all, 2 *s.* more would be required to carry out the requisite sanitary improvements, making 6 *s.* in all, thus bringing the amount within a few pence of the rates at present levied in Gateshead.

8th. Because the most of the ground to the east of Gateshead is already disposed of to be built on, and about to be commenced with, thereby uniting Felling and Gateshead, whilst the whole of the ground south of Gateshead, between New Durham-road and Saltwell-road, and Shipcote Toll-gate and Low Fell, has been bought by a few individuals, to prevent their properties being encroached upon by buildings.

(signed) *Wm. Robinson, M.D.*

Gateshead.

Heworth.

Voters.

Sanitary condition.

Police.





## G L O U C E S T E R.

### 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

The Borough of Gloucester consists of the district thus described in the Act 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 64, Schedule O.

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“FROM the old city boundary stone on the western side of the lane called Castle-lane, leading from Westgate-street to the County Gaol, northward, along the old city boundary to the boundary stone, south of the London-road, which marks the easternmost point of the old city boundary; thence in a straight line through the eastern corner of the mill upon the River Twiver, between the old city boundary and the tramroad from the Gloucester and Berkeley Canal to Cheltenham, to the said tramroad; thence along the said tramroad to the point at which the same is met by Barton-lane; thence along Barton-lane to the point at which the same crosses the Sud Brook; thence along the Sud Brook to the point at which the same falls into the Gloucester and Berkeley Canal; thence along the Gloucester and Berkeley Canal to the point at which the same is met by the old city boundary; thence, westward, along the old city boundary to the point first described.”

The population in 1861 was 16,512, showing an increase of 3,512 since 1831, and is estimated, in 1867, at 17,000.

The number of inhabited houses in 1861 was 2,854.

The number of the electors on the register of 1865-66 was—

|                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |       |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| 107 occupiers -  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,298 |
| Freemen -        | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 548   |
|                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1,846 |
| Double entries - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 131   |
|                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1,715 |
| Actual Number -  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |       |

The total number of male occupations in 1866 was 2,961, of which 1,263 were below 107.

The City of Gloucester is too well known to need description, but it is a very thriving port, and has a large and increasing trade in foreign timber and corn. There is also a large railway waggon manufactory, employing many hands. Trade of Gloucester.

The municipal boundaries of the city are the same as the Parliamentary. The Public Health Act, 1848, has been adopted throughout this district, and the town council of the city are the local board.

The present population within these limits is estimated at 17,000, and there are about 14,000 more immediately around. Population.

The area of the city is very small, and the present boundary line is an entirely arbitrary one, passing through houses and across streets in many instances, and the city has outgrown itself in all directions, except where it is bounded by the River Severn. Area.

The parishes are so much scattered and subdivided, and their limits are so ill-known, that we have found it impracticable to make use of them for the purposes of this inquiry.

Three parishes only outside the city have adopted the Local Government Act, viz., Barton St. Mary and Barton St. Michael in one district, and King's Holme St. Catherine in another. These districts do not include all the outside population, and consequently are no real guide to us.

It was admitted on all hands that a considerable addition is undoubtedly required,

Portions of the following parishes are thus proposed to be included, viz.: King's Holme St. Catherine, South Hamlet, Wootton St. Mary, Barton St. Michael, Barton St. Mary, and Upton St. Leonard.

The first plan laid before us was to amend the boundary, as follows:

Plan No. 1.

“From the point where Dean's Walk is crossed by the present boundary northward, along Dean's Walk to King's Holme Field; thence eastward, along the direct footpath to Sandhurst-lane; thence along Sandhurst-lane into the Tewkesbury-road; thence along the Tewkesbury-road till it meets the Denmark-road; thence along the Denmark-road till it joins the London-road; thence along the London-road to Asylum-lane; thence down Asylum-lane until it reaches the Great Western Railway; thence southward, along the Great Western Railway, to the point where it crosses the Treadworth-road; thence along the Treadworth-road to the point where it reaches the Stroud-road; thence along the Stroud-road towards Gloucester, to a point nearly opposite the Ragged School ground; thence by the nearest straight line across the fields to the Berkeley Canal;

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Canal; thence across the said canal and along the towing-path towards Gloucester, to a path that goes up into the Lanthong-road; thence along the Lanthong-road, in the direction of Gloucester, to the Limekilns; thence by the nearest straight line to the bank of the River Severn; thence along the bank of the River Severn to a point opposite the present boundary; thence across the river to the present boundary, and northward along the same to the point first described."

Plan No. 2.

The second proposal only embraced a portion of the City, and was as follows:

Instead of commencing at Dean's Walk, to take Dockham Ditch (which runs by its side) as far as a road leading from the meadows to Sandhurst-lane, thence along the said road to Sandhurst-lane, thence northwards along Sandhurst-lane to a footpath leading out of Sandhurst-lane into the Shoulder-of-Mutton-piece, and along the said footpath till it reaches the new inn at Longford, on the Tewkesbury-road, thence across the Tewkesbury-road and along a footpath leading thereout, through the homestead of Plock Court Farm to the point where it reaches the Cheltenham-road, thence down the Cheltenham-road to the point where it crosses the Barnwood Brook, thence up the Barnwood Brook to the point where it is crossed by the Great Western Railway, thence along the Great Western Railway to the point where it is crossed by the Treadworth-road, thence as in *Plan No. 1*.

Plan No. 3.

The third proposal was directed to the boundary on the opposite side of the city, as follows:

Taking the Great Western Railway, as in *Plan No. 1*, to continue along it as far as the point where it meets the footpath leading from Gloucester to Robin's Wood Hill, thence in a straight line to a point in the Stroud-road where it is met by a ditch or watercourse leading down to the Bristol-road, and forming in part the boundary between the parishes of Barton St. Mary and Hempstead, thence along the said ditch or watercourse till it joins Still Ditch, thence along Still Ditch to the point where it joins the River Severn, thence up the bank of the Severn to a point opposite the present boundary, thence as in *Plan No. 1*.

*Plan No. 1*, as originally proposed, left out many adjacent houses, and was considerably modified by its promoters as the inquiry proceeded. We have coloured this Plan and its alterations *yellow*.

Modification of  
No. 1, north and  
east.

On the northern and eastern sides of the city, where houses of the better class and villas are springing up; a fresh line was proposed from King's Holme Field to Asylum-lane, at a distance of four chains back from the Denmark-road, so as to take in the whole of the houses on that road; this, however, would still omit houses on Sandhurst-lane and the Tewkesbury-road, which ought to be included; and it would make no allowance for future extensions.

Plan No. 2, discussed.

*Plan No. 2* remedies this by taking in the houses that are omitted, and a certain quantity of land, most of which is market-garden, except Plock Court Farm, comprising about 60 acres, and now in the occupation of the mayor.

The footpath proposed as the boundary in this direction, in *Plan No. 2*, is so near the Barnwood Brook that we think it would be better to go down Sandhurst-lane, a short distance further to the point where it crosses the brook, and then take the brook as the boundary, at any rate, as far as the Cheltenham-road. A large portion of the land thus proposed to be included is now being laid out or is in the market for building purposes, and the whole of it is occupied by persons in connection with the city; and at this point the Barnwood Brook presents to the eye a tacit line of demarcation between town and country land.

From the Cheltenham road to the Great Western Railway, *Plan No. 2*, follows the Barnwood Brook, and takes in a few houses at Wootton on the Ermine-street or London-road, and a few acres of building land. Some of this land is already in the market and probably will soon be built upon.

Ermine-street.

At this point of the city there are a considerable number of houses or semi-detached villas extending continuously along each side of the Ermine-street for nearly three miles. The greater part of these are inhabited by persons who are or have been in business at Gloucester, and we feel bound to bring them before the notice of the Commissioners, as constituting practically a suburb of the city.

We have marked out a boundary which would include them for the distance of about a mile along the road, and beyond which cottages begin to take the place of villas.

Modifications of  
Plan No. 1, south.

Turning to the south part of the city, *Plan No. 1* has been modified so much as now to come very near the line of *Plan No. 3*.

Remarks.

The intermediate space consists of part of a market garden and a small quantity of land. Much of this is now in the market for building, and plans are already drawn out; and, as it is near the docks, and the demand for houses is very great, it will probably be readily taken up.

We prefer the *boundary line* of *Plan No. 3*, as being more distinct, and not likely to bisect future streets that may be made, whereas the line taken by *Plan No. 1*, cuts through market gardens in an oblique direction, without any reference to future building operations.

After a careful inspection of all these places, and for the reasons above mentioned, we think



think that the boundary which we now suggest to the Commissioners, will not be more than sufficient for the growing wants of the city; it is as follows:

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“ From the point where Dockham Ditch is crossed by the present boundary northwards, along Dockham Ditch to the point where it meets a road leading from the meadows to Sandhurst-lane; thence along the said road to its junction with Sandhurst-lane; thence northwards, along Sandhurst-lane, to the point where it crosses the Barnwood Brook; thence up the Barnwood Brook to the point where it is crossed by the Cheltenham-road; thence east in a straight line to a point on the road leading from Zoon’s Farm to Barnwood-court, 10 chains north of the Ermine-street; thence southwards along the said road across the Ermine-street to the point where it crosses the Barnwood Brook; thence down the Barnwood Brook to the point where it is crossed by the Great Western Railway; thence southwards, along the western hedge or fence of the Great Western Railway to the point where it meets the footpath leading from Gloucester to Robin’s Wood Hill; thence west in a straight line to a point in the Stroud-road where it is met by a ditch, or water-course, leading down to the Bristol-road, and forming in part the boundary between the parishes of Barton St. Mary and Hempstead; thence west, along the said ditch or water-course till it joins Still Ditch; thence along Still Ditch to the point where it enters the River Severn; thence in a straight line to the southernmost point of the present boundary in Castle Mead; thence northward, along the present boundary to the point first described.”

New boundary suggested.

Ermine-street deviation.

If the Commissioners decide not to include the Ermine-street, we should propose to continue from the Cheltenham-road up the course of the Barnwood Brook, to the point where it is crossed by the Great Western Railway, and so on, as before described.

This would add about 14,000 inhabitants and 2,500 houses, as nearly as can be estimated.

The increase of the city has been very recent, and its real size is inadequately represented on the Ordnance map, which is on too small a scale to give any idea of the boundaries of the parishes.

(signed) *C. W. Wilson,*  
Captain, R. N.  
*John Stratford Dugdale.*

## 2.—PETITIONS.

PETITION of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Gloucester*.

The humble Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Gloucester, in the County of the City of Gloucester,

Showeth,

1. THAT your Petitioners have had under consideration the proposed alteration of the boundaries of the borough or city of Gloucester, as described in the Bill now before your honourable House, intituled, “ A Bill to settle and describe the Limits of certain Boroughs and the Divisions of certain Counties in England and Wales.”

2. That the present municipal and Parliamentary boundaries of the city of Gloucester are identical, and that the district to which “ The Public Health Act, 1848,” has been applied, is also co-extensive therewith.

3. That any extension of the boundaries for Parliamentary purposes should, in the opinion of your Petitioners, be such as would be suitable also for extension for municipal and sanitary purposes, if such should hereafter be determined upon.

4. That whilst it is expedient to provide for the future growth and extension of towns, it is undesirable to include within the Parliamentary or municipal limits of cities or boroughs land essentially of an agricultural character, or such, from its physical condition, as is incapable of being at any time adapted to town or building purposes, inasmuch as the feelings of an agricultural population are generally opposed to those of a town population, on the ground of economy as regards expenditure in public improvements, and the education of the people, in providing free libraries, museums, and schools of art, &c., and in other respects.

5. That a portion of the extended limits described in the first Schedule of the aforesaid Bill before your honourable House, as the future boundary of the borough or city of Gloucester on its north-western side, comprises a tract of land entirely of an agricultural character, and totally unfit and unlikely ever to be applied for town or building purposes, especially from the liability of the greater part of it to river floods; that the tract of land referred to is about 600 acres in extent, being nearly one-third more than the area of the present limits of the borough or city.

6. That your Petitioners are of opinion that it is inexpedient that the agricultural land referred to should be comprised within the borough boundaries, and that the same may be excluded, and a good defined boundary may be obtained if the following amendment were adopted in the description of boundaries relating to the borough or city of Gloucester,



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contained in the first Schedule to the said Bill; viz., expunge, in the second and third lines of page 16, the words "thence northward along Sandhurst-lane," and insert the words, "thence across Sandhurst-lane to and along a public footway therefrom to the turnpike road from Gloucester to Tewkesbury; thence eastward in a straight line for about 430 yards to a public footway at a place called Duck's Patch; thence along the said footway."

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the boundaries for the borough or city of Gloucester set out and described in the first Schedule to the aforesaid Bill, now before your honourable House, may be altered and amended in the manner above proposed; and that your Petitioners may be heard before your honourable House, or the Committee to whom the same may be referred, in support of such proposed alteration, or that your Petitioners may have such other relief in the premises as your honourable House may think proper.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Given under the common seal of your Petitioners, the said mayor, aldermen, and citizens of the city of Gloucester, in the county of the city of Gloucester, in Council assembled, the 7th day of April, in the year of our Lord 1868.

By order,

[1 Signature.

#### PETITION of Inhabitants of the City of *Gloucester* and Neighbourhood.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the City of Gloucester and Neighbourhood,

Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners have been informed and believe that a petition has been or is about to be presented to your honourable House from the mayor, aldermen, and citizens of the city of Gloucester against the proposed new boundary of the city of Gloucester, as proposed by the Report of the Boundary Commissioners.

That your Petitioners are informed and believe that the principal reason alleged in the said petition against the new boundary proposed by the Commissioners is that it will include several fields which are liable to floods and cannot therefore be built upon, and they therefore propose to contract the boundary.

That in the opinion of your Petitioners the brook proposed by the Commissioners as the boundary, forming, as it does, a natural boundary, is the best that could have been selected.

That your Petitioners cannot contend that a few fields immediately contiguous to the brook may not occasionally be flooded, but they would urge that in that case it can be of little moment whether they are included in the city or not, and that it would be far preferable that they should be included, because thereby the best of all boundaries, a natural one, is obtained.

That your Petitioners would urge that it is most undesirable to contract the new boundary to any extent beyond the few fields which may be sometimes flooded, because a great deal of building land, and land which must become building land, will thereby be excluded from the city.

That it is within the personal knowledge of some of your Petitioners, that the Assistant Boundary Commissioners inspected the locality where the boundary is proposed to be altered, and heard reasons both in favour and against the extension of the boundary, and came to a decision thereon, and your Petitioners would urge that the Report of the Boundary Commissioners should be taken as final.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[150 Signatures.

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### 3.—MEMORIALS.

— None. —

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### 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

— None. —

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## GREENWICH.

## 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

THE borough of Greenwich, according to the Boundary Act of 1832, consists of the parishes of St. Paul and St. Nicholas, Deptford, so much of the parish of Woolwich as is to the south of the Thames, together with parts of the parishes of Charlton and Plumstead, and the whole of the parish of Greenwich, with the exception of one portion of it to the south of the Dover Road.

It is bounded on the north by the River Thames, on the west and north-west by the boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark, on the east by that part of the parish of Plumstead which is not included in the borough, and on the south by parts of the parishes of Lewisham and Charlton, the hamlet of Kidbrooke, and the above-mentioned portion of Greenwich, which are all singularly intermixed.

The boundary is generally well defined, except upon the north-east, where it intersects the parish of Plumstead, and it is there obscure and unsatisfactory.

Greenwich is not a municipal borough; the Parliamentary area contains the towns of Deptford, Greenwich, and Woolwich, besides large populations at New Cross, Blackheath, and Charlton; the whole borough, as well as the parishes immediately adjoining it, is within the district subject to the provisions of the Metropolis Local Management Acts.

The parishes of Woolwich, Greenwich, and St. Paul and St. Nicholas, Deptford, form the Greenwich union; Greenwich and the two Deptford parishes constitute the Greenwich Board of Works district, while Charlton and Plumstead are in the Lewisham union, and together with Kidbrooke and Lee, form the Plumstead Board of Works district.

The Lewisham union, in addition to Charlton and Plumstead, comprises the parishes of Lee, Eltham, and Lewisham, the liberty of Kidbrooke, and the hamlet of Mottingham.

The population of the borough of Greenwich has increased with surprising rapidity, as appears from the following table:

|                | Population.             |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| 1831 - - - - - | 63,172                  |
| 1851 - - - - - | 105,784                 |
| 1861 - - - - - | 139,436                 |
| 1866 - - - - - | 160,086<br>(estimated). |

The inhabited houses, in 1861, amounted to 19,365, and are now much more numerous.

It would be difficult to specify the particular localities in which this enormous increase has taken place, for building, has, in fact, been extending in nearly every available part of the borough area, but it is most remarkable in St. Paul, Deptford, and in Woolwich.

Four proposals, involving respectively the following additions to the borough, were submitted for consideration, and will be found traced upon the map:

1. That part of the parish of Woolwich which lies to the north of the River Thames, either with or without so much of the parish of East Ham as is contained within the vermilion line upon the map.

2. Those parts of the parishes of Charlton and Greenwich which are outside the borough, together with the main body of the liberty of Kidbrooke, and a section of the parishes of Lee and Lewisham, bounded to the south by the loop line of the North Kent Railway.

3. The same as the last, but including the detached part also of Kidbrooke, and a somewhat larger section of the parish of Lewisham.

4. The whole of that part of Plumstead parish not now within the borough.

There were also separate proposals for adding respectively those portions of Greenwich, Kidbrooke, and Charlton, mentioned in proposal No. 2.



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The first of the proposals enumerated above relates to that part of the parish of Woolwich which lies on the north bank of the Thames, and which comprises an area of about 400 acres in extent, divided into two parts by a strip of the parish of East Ham. The easternmost of these two parts, which is also by far the more extensive, consists entirely of marsh-land, and is at present almost uninhabited; but the western portion contains 179 inhabited houses, and a population of 1,400 persons, while in that part of East Ham, which lies between them, there are 120 houses and 900 inhabitants, the whole forming one settlement called North Woolwich. This community is composed almost wholly of artizans and labourers employed in the factories on the north side of the river.

In favour of throwing into the borough this part of the parish of Woolwich, it was urged that it is the only part of the parish which is not already within the borough; that its inhabitants pay all the parish rates, as well as those of the Woolwich Local Board, and, so far, have a common interest with their fellow parishioners dwelling upon the south side of the Thames, and that if the borough boundary were extended so as to include them, the effect would be to confer the franchise upon a considerable number of persons who would not otherwise obtain it.

Upon the other hand, however, the inhabitants of this part of Woolwich live and work upon the north shore of the Thames; they are cut off from the rest of the parish by the river, and they form, with their Essex neighbours, a separate community; and although, if (as contended on the part of the parish) the parish boundaries extend from either side to the mid-channel of the river, it is not strictly a detached part of Woolwich, yet it may more properly be considered as being so, and as distinct, both in interest and situation, from the remainder of the parish.

Further, we think it would be objectionable to include in the borough that part of the community which is in the parish of Woolwich, without including the whole, and this would involve adding to the borough a part of the Essex parish of East Ham, a course we should hardly, under any circumstances, be inclined to recommend, and to which, in the present instance, there is the additional objection that, East Ham (which is a very extensive parish) being at present under the Small Tenements Act, the effect of throwing this small portion of it into the borough would be to abrogate the Act over its entire area. Upon the whole, therefore, we do not consider that it is expedient to add North Woolwich, either with or without this portion of East Ham, to the borough.

We come, secondly, to the less extensive of the two proposals for the enlargement of the borough to the south. We have been unable to obtain any information as to the number of inhabited houses and the population which this extension would embrace, but it would add to the borough large and populous parts of the parishes of Lewisham and Lee, which in 1861 contained, respectively, 22,808 and 6,162 inhabitants, together with the main part of Kidbrooke, with a population of from 700 to 800 persons; it would also add that part of Charlton which is outside the borough, and contains 180 inhabited houses, as well as the small strip of Greenwich before mentioned, in which there are but seven.

The only ground upon which this proposal, viewed as a whole, was based, was that the district sought to be included is occupied by an urban population; but the broad ground upon which we rest our recommendation that the proposal be not adopted is, that this population, even if urban, is not in any sense or way connected with Greenwich.

The district in question is largely occupied by villas and houses of a superior class, let at considerable rentals, and inhabited by persons either in business, or retired from business, in London, and it must, upon the whole, be considered as a metropolitan, rather than a Greenwich suburb.

In Lee and Lewisham the population is increasing so enormously, and the amount of house settlement is so large, that if the borough boundary were once extended into these parishes, it would be almost impossible to know where to draw the line. In Lee alone, the population has increased from 3,552 in 1851, to little short of 10,000 at the present time; while in Lewisham the number of inhabitants has nearly doubled since 1851, when it amounted to 15,064 persons.

The inhabitants of Lee, Lewisham, Kidbrooke, and that part of Charlton outside the borough, seemed to be unanimously and strongly opposed to being included within it, and numerous signed petitions to that effect were presented to us, disclaiming all connection with Greenwich, and praying to be left in the enjoyment of the county franchise.

Finally, if so large a scheme were adopted, it would extend the borough into three fresh parishes, parts only of which it would include; it would encumber it with a large additional area, and it would seriously disturb the relative numbers of the population in the existing subdivisions of West Kent.

The whole of these observations apply with at least equal force to proposal No. 3, which varies only from the one we have been discussing, in so far as it proposes to embrace a somewhat larger district, including the detached portion of Kidbrooke, and an additional area to the south-west.

The separate proposals for throwing into the borough those parts of Charlton and Greenwich that are outside it were based upon the ground that they form parts of parishes, the remainder of which is within the borough, and that it would be convenient to include the whole. The boundary, however, where it divides these parishes, is well defined, and the population of those parts that are outside the borough is exclusively a villa population, possessing the county franchise, who, except from their parochial situation, are neither interested in nor connected with the borough of Greenwich.

Further, the remainder of Charlton could hardly be added to the borough without including the main body at least of Kidbrooke; but as the whole of this hamlet is at present



present outside the borough, and contains only a superior class of villas, let at rentals from 60*l.* to 200*l.*, we think there are no grounds which could justify such a course, and we are unable to recommend that any of the above proposals be adopted.

The fourth and last proposal, by which it was suggested to include that part of the parish of Plumstead which is not at present within the borough, is based upon what appear to us to be valid grounds.

This parish is stated by the Registrar General to have exhibited the most remarkable proportionate increase, both of houses and of population, between the years 1851 and 1861, of any parish within the metropolitan limits, a circumstance chiefly owing to the large extension of the Government establishments in Woolwich during that period; in fact, the town of Woolwich has spread over a considerable part of the parish of Plumstead, and the boundary of the borough in this direction now cuts through houses and intersects numerous streets, and evidently requires alteration.

The population of the parish, and its increase since 1851, is shown by the following table:—

|                            | 1851. | 1861.  | 1867.                  |
|----------------------------|-------|--------|------------------------|
| Population - - - - -       | 8,373 | 24,502 | 31,312<br>(estimated.) |
| Inhabited Houses - - - - - | 1,376 | 3,195  | 4,083                  |

Of these 4,083 inhabited houses, 3,551 are outside the Parliamentary boundary, and they may be assumed to contain about 27,224 persons, who are in great measure artisans and others employed in the Royal Arsenal, and persons connected in various ways with other Government establishments in Woolwich; and we are of opinion that they are an evident out-growth of the borough population, and that it is desirable to extend the boundary so as to include them.

It appears to us that the most convenient mode of effecting this will be to take in the whole of the parish, for though its area is considerable, one half of it at least is marsh land, entirely uninhabited and likely to remain so, and may consequently be considered as forming a perfectly immaterial element in the consideration; while of the other half, a large portion is occupied by buildings, forming an extension of Woolwich, and the features of the remainder are such that it is not practicable to draw any well-defined line short of the parish boundary, which would shut out more than an insignificant portion of agricultural land.

We recommend, therefore, that the borough be extended so as to include all that part of the parish of Plumstead which is now outside the boundary; it contains 3,551 inhabited houses, with an estimated population of 27,232 persons.

This may seem a large addition to a borough already so extensive and so populous as that of Greenwich, but the inhabitants of the urban part of Plumstead immediately outside the boundary are so entirely of the same class as the bulk of the population of the borough, and are so identified with it in every respect, that we are clearly of opinion that they ought to be included within it.

The only objection to this course was one urged on behalf of some of the superior class of artisans, who, it was said, would otherwise, under the operation of the recent Act, become possessed of the county franchise, a privilege they were unwilling to forego. It appeared, however, that there were but from 400 to 500 persons so circumstanced, while the proposed extension, if adopted, would confer the borough franchise upon a much larger number.

It remains to observe, that, according to the Boundary Act of 1832, when a boundary is said to pass along a river, the middle of the river shall be understood, and, as the boundary of the borough of Greenwich is described in the Act as running along the River Thames, the map, as furnished to us, and which delineates it as extending only to high-water mark, is incorrect, and we have altered it so as to show the true line. We would also point out that, on parts of the map, and especially upon that part which contains the borough and the adjoining districts to the south and west, the whole amount of detail and building is not represented, owing to the engraving being not yet completed.

In conclusion, we beg to recommend that the Parliamentary borough of Greenwich be enlarged, and that the new boundary follow the line coloured green upon the map.

The boundary will then be, from the easternmost point where the boundary of the parish of Plumstead meets the River Thames, southward, along the said boundary to the point where it first meets the old boundary of the borough; thence westward along the said old boundary to the River Thames; thence along the River Thames to the point first described.

(signed) *Joseph Kaye,*  
*H. S. Palmer,*  
Assistant Boundary Commissioners.

November 1867.

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## 2.—PETITIONS.

PETITIONS of Inhabitants, Householders of *Plumstead*, in the County of *Kent*.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants, Householders of Plumstead, in the County of Kent,

Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners having learned, with very much regret, that in the Boundaries Bill now before your honourable House it is proposed to annex the parish of Plumstead to the Parliamentary borough of Greenwich.

That having regard to the fact that the said borough of Greenwich already includes the important and populous towns of Greenwich, Deptford, and Woolwich, and extends over a very large area, any addition thereto is most undesirable.

That the inhabitants of Plumstead have, on two recent occasions, in public meeting assembled, expressed their disapproval of the proposed annexation, and their earnest desire that it may not be carried into effect.

That by the Reform Act of 1867 West Kent was sub-divided and two additional Members granted, with the view, your Petitioners humbly submit, to the representation of Plumstead and other populous parishes in this part of the country.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your honourable House to except Plumstead from the operation of the said Bill.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

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The humble Petition of the undersigned Electors of West Kent, resident in the Parish of Plumstead,

Showeth,

THAT in the Bill now before your honourable House, entitled, "The Boundaries Bill," it is proposed to annex the parish of Plumstead to the Parliamentary borough of Greenwich.

That the effect of such annexation would be to disfranchise 382 voters for West Kent, out of 529 now upon the register, in respect of property in Plumstead, and about 1,000 who will be enfranchised by the Reform Act of 1867.

That in consequence of the vast extent of the borough of Greenwich any addition to it is very undesirable.

That by the proposed annexation the inhabitants of Plumstead would be deprived of a real representation, and granted in lieu a merely nominal one.

That by the Reform Act of 1867 West Kent was subdivided, and two additional Members assigned to it.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your honourable House to except Plumstead from the operation of the "Boundaries Bill."

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[66 Signatures.

## 3.—MEMORIALS.

— None. —

## 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

PAPER put in by Mr. *Dyke*, M.P.

### BOROUGH OF GREENWICH—PLUMSTEAD PARISH.

I certify that I am the vestry clerk of the parish of Plumstead, and from my intimate knowledge of the locality, and a careful inspection of the rate books, which are made out by me, I certify that the following particulars are true.

That the parish is now partly in and partly out of the borough.

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That the increase of houses beyond the present boundary has taken place since 1832.  
That there are now rated houses in the entire parish, 3,972; of which 1,045 are at 12*l.* and upwards, and 2,927 at 11*l.* and below.  
That one half of those at 12*l.* and upwards are already in the borough.  
That the entire parish is in the Metropolitan District, and forms part of the Woolwich Union.

That I was present at the investigation before the Assistant Commissioners at the first meeting, when the officials and others of the parish gave evidence in favour of annexing the remaining part of the parish, and the chairman of the Woolwich Local Board and officials of adjoining parishes concurred.  
At the adjourned meeting two county voters only appeared and objected, the remainder of the meeting still being in favour of annexation.  
Two meetings have since been got up by the county voters, convened by bill, but those favourable to non-annexation were pressed and had special printed circulars urging them to attend. Even then there was diversity of opinion, apparently from political causes.  
The overseers wish me to state that as the streets within and without the boundary are continuous, and form, with Woolwich (in the borough), one large town, they rely upon the map as sufficient to cause the remainder of the parish to be placed in the borough.

22 May 1868. (signed) E. T. M. Hughes, Vestry Clerk.

PAPER put in by Mr. Alderman Salomons, M.P.

MEMORANDUM in reference to the recommendation of Her Majesty's Boundary Commissioners, "that the Parish of Plumstead, Kent, be annexed to the Parliamentary Borough of Greenwich."

1. The recommendation of the Commissioners is in direct opposition to the opinion and wish of the inhabitants of Plumstead, as expressed at public meetings, duly convened by the churchwardens, and holden on the 7th and 29th November 1867.  
(These meetings were very largely attended, and copies of the resolutions passed thereat were forwarded to the Boundary Commissioners.)
2. The borough of Greenwich is, by common consent, already much too large, comprising three distinct towns (Deptford, Greenwich, and Woolwich), extending over an area of 13 miles (*i. e.* 6½ miles E. to. W., by 2 to 2¼ miles N. to S.).  
Population, 140,000.  
Number of electors, 9,805 (which will be increased this year to about 15,000).
3. The addition of Plumstead would increase the area of the borough of Greenwich fully one half (*see* map with Commissioners' Report), whilst the increase in the number of electors would be very disproportionate thereto, in consequence of two-thirds of the parish (Plumstead) being occupied for agricultural purposes.  
(On this point the Commissioners' Report is erroneous.)
4. By the Reform Bill of 1867 two additional Members were given to West Kent, mainly in consequence of its population; whereas it is now proposed to except Plumstead, which contains one-tenth of that population.

A comparison with Mid-Kent shows the following result:—

|                                                 | West Kent. | Mid-Kent. |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Population - - - - -                            | 263,000    | 224,000   |
| Deduct Population of Parliamentary Boroughs - - | 150,000    | 103,000   |
| TOTAL - - -                                     | 113,000    | 121,000   |

So that although West Kent (omitting Parliamentary boroughs) has less population than Mid-Kent (and is fully one-third smaller in area), the Commissioners propose still further to diminish it by adding 25,000 to the borough of Greenwich, the population of which would then be 165,000, whilst that of West Kent (as before shown) would be reduced to 88,000.

5. There are in Plumstead 1,365 houses, rated at 12*l.* and upwards, the occupiers of which (not otherwise disqualified) will be entitled to the county franchise at the end of this year, should no alteration be made.



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The present register also shows the following number of voters for West Kent in respect of property in Plumstead :

|                                                |     |     |   |
|------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|---|
| Leaseholders - - - - -                         | 302 | }   | * |
| £. 50 Occupiers - - - - -                      | 21  |     |   |
| Freeholders occupying their own property - - - | 59  |     |   |
| Other Freeholders - - - - -                    | 147 |     |   |
| TOTAL - - -                                    |     | 529 |   |

6. The Commissioners allude to the irregular boundary of the borough of Greenwich on the east side. This boundary was established by the Reform Bill of 1832 in order to include the Royal Arsenal (which is partly in Woolwich and partly in Plumstead), and is sufficiently defined, that no disputes respecting it arise in the revision courts.

But were it otherwise, surely so trifling a circumstance (which might easily be rectified by a few boundary stones) affords no sufficient reason for the extensive addition, which the Commissioners recommend, to the borough of Greenwich.

(Signed on behalf of a committee of the inhabitants of Plumstead,  
appointed at a public meeting, 7th November 1867.)

*Thos. R. Jolly*, Chairman.

Plumstead, S. E., 21 April 1868.

\* Of these 382 would be disfranchised, if the proposed annexation were carried into effect ; and as the populous part of Plumstead is let on leases for 60 or 70 years, there will be no opportunity of acquiring the county franchise in respect thereof. Many of these leasehold houses have been acquired by artisans, army pensioners, &c., in order to qualify themselves as county electors, and they would regard it as a very great hardship now to be deprived of the franchise which they have obtained by industry and prudence.

## H A S T I N G S.

### 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

THE Parliamentary borough of Hastings, as defined by the Boundaries Act of 1832, consists of the town and port of Hastings and its liberties, including that detached part of the parish of St. Leonard which lies near the town of Winchelsea, and including also the liberty of the Sluice, but excluding all such other parts of the old borough of Hastings as are detached from its main body.

The main body of the borough comprises the whole of seven parishes, and parts of the parishes of St. Mary-in-the-Castle, St. Leonard, and Ore, and its Parliamentary and municipal boundaries are conterminous.

The Borough of Hastings, exclusive of the township of St. Leonards, is under the Hastings Improvement Act, 2 Will. 4, c. 91, and the Public Health and Local Government Acts. The township of St. Leonards, which consists of a part of the parishes of St. Leonard and St. Mary Magdalen, has a separate local Act, called "The St. Leonard's Improvement Act."

The Hastings Union includes the whole of the parishes either wholly or partly within the borough, as well as the adjacent parishes of Fairlight, Pett and Guestling.

The present borough occupies an area of 1,800 acres, with a sea front five miles in extent; but its depth inland is inconsiderable, ranging from one-eighth of a mile to a mile and a quarter, which it nowhere exceeds.

The population, which in 1831 was 10,097, amounted in 1861 to 22,910; it is estimated at 26,587 for 1866, and continues to make rapid progress.

The number of inhabited houses was 3,290 in 1861, and they are said to be increasing at the rate of 100 per annum within the local board district alone, exclusive of the district under the St. Leonards Act.

The whole of the sea front eligible for building is completely occupied, and the town has, of late, been rapidly extending inland.

Outside the present boundary, a considerable settlement called Tivoli, situated partly in the parish of St. Leonard, and partly in that of St. Mary-in-the-Castle, has recently sprung up, and is increasing. It consists of continuous rows of houses, in number about 150, let at rentals ranging from 10*l.* to 200*l.*, and occupied by persons whose interests are identical with those of the inhabitants of the borough. Beyond this again, on the Battle-road, there is another settlement of a poorer class called Silverdale, of which about 50 houses are situated in St. Mary-in-the-Castle, and the remainder in the adjoining parish of Hollington; this is also an urban settlement, inhabited by an urban population, few of whom will be entitled to the county franchise.

In the south-eastern angle of the parish of Ore also, immediately outside the present boundary of the borough, there is a considerable settlement, called Fairlight Down, consisting chiefly of cottages and a small class of houses inhabited by artisans working in Hastings, and persons variously connected with the trade of the town. This settlement is detached from the houses forming the outskirts of Hastings in this direction by an interval of only some 150 yards, and building operations are in progress by which it will shortly be continuously connected with them. This settlement, though it has increased of late years, is not new, and as far back as 1837 it was recommended by the Municipal Boundary Commissioners that it should be included in the municipal area.

A large number of the inhabitants of Tivoli petitioned to be brought within the Parliamentary boundary, and the people of Fairlight Down expressed a similar desire.

It appears to us there is an evident necessity for extending the borough so as to include at least these two localities, and the only difficulty we have felt has been as to the precise line we should draw.

There are, in fact, so many houses (748 in all) in those parts of the Parishes of St. Leonard, St. Mary-in-the-Castle and Ore, which are outside the borough, and so much building is either in contemplation or in progress, that we have found ourselves unable to draw any narrower line than that which we propose.

Three lines of extension were suggested, one including the whole of the parishes of St. Leonard and St. Mary-in-the-Castle; a second embracing the southern part of the parishes of Ore and St. Mary-in-the-Castle, and the parish of St. Leonard; and the third including about an equal extent of the parish of Ore, and the whole of the parish of St. Mary-in-the-Castle, south of the Old London road, as well as the parish of St. Leonard.

These proposed extensions will be found traced upon the map.

The first of the three proposals above mentioned is clearly objectionable, as not including any part of the parish of Ore, and so excluding Fairlight Down. The second is one that we were much inclined to adopt, but we found it would intersect various plots of building ground, and would, consequently, create the anomaly of putting the inhabitants of adjoining

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houses of the same class, and upon the same property, some within and some without the borough limits. The third is substantially the same as that which we propose, but, by taking the road line through Fairlight Down, it would exclude from the borough a number of houses in that locality situated upon the north side of the road, and we also think it is more expedient to throw into the borough the whole of the parish of St. Mary-in-the-Castle than to exclude from it that small portion which lies to the north of the Old London road. We have also thought it better, for the sake of obtaining a parish boundary, to include the whole of the parish of St. Leonard, although there is an inconsiderable part of it north of the railway station at Bopeep, which might otherwise have been well left out.

The line we recommend will embrace the whole of the parishes of St. Leonard, and St. Mary-in-the-Castle, and all that part of the parish of Ore into which the town population is likely to extend.

This addition will add to the borough 748 inhabited houses, with an estimated population of 3,740 persons.

We feel bound to state that there was a strong feeling in the borough that it was inexpedient to extend the Parliamentary beyond the municipal boundary, and the mayor laid before us the unanimous resolution of the Corporation to that effect.

At the same time, it appeared to be the general feeling that the municipal boundary required to be extended into the localities to which we have alluded, for the purposes of drainage, &c., and some such enlargement of the borough as that which we beg to propose would have been thought highly desirable had it extended to the municipal as well as the Parliamentary area.

The inhabitants of Tivoli, indeed, professed themselves desirous of being included within the municipal limits also, for the sake of the sanitary and other advantages they would thereby obtain.

Our proposal may seem a large one; but, over a great part of the area that it will include, building either exists, or is in progress, or in contemplation; it will not extend the borough into any parish that is not already in part within it, and there was a strong concurrence of opinion amongst those chiefly interested, that, if any extension were to take place, it should be somewhat of this character.

We have indicated upon the map the approximate situation of the liberty of the sluice and of the detached part of the parish of St. Leonard, which form part of the Parliamentary borough, but we have been unable to obtain the requisite information to enable us to delineate them; they are, however, of inconsiderable size, and almost uninhabited.

We beg, in conclusion, to recommend that the borough of Hastings be enlarged, and that the new boundary follow the line coloured yellow upon the map.

The borough will then consist of:—

From the easternmost point where the boundary of the parish of Ore meets the boundary of the parish of All Saints northward along the boundary of the parish of Ore to the easternmost point of that boundary; thence westward in a straight line to the point where the road from Ore to Spring Hill and Westfield leaves the old road from Hastings to London; thence westward along the said Old London road to the point where it meets the boundary of the parish of St. Mary-in-the-Castle, thence northward along the boundary of the parish of St. Mary-in-the-Castle to the point where it meets the boundary of the parish of St. Leonard; thence southward along the boundary of the parish of St. Leonard to the nearest point of the present boundary of the borough.

*Joseph Kaye,* } Assistant Boundary Commissioners.  
*H. S. Palmer,* }

October 1867.

## 2.—PETITIONS.

PETITION of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Hastings*.

The humble Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Hastings, in Council assembled,

Showeth,

THAT it is proposed by a Bill now before your honourable House to enlarge the boundaries of this borough by adding thereto a very large and mainly agricultural district adjacent.

That your Petitioners very strongly object to such enlargement, for the following reasons:

1st. That the district proposed to be added to the Parliamentary boundaries of the borough is in its character entirely different to the present borough, being principally agricultural land, occupied by a rural population.

2nd. That of the district proposed to be added only two small portions have any population that could by any fair use of language be termed townspeople, they being, as your Petitioners aver, persons occupied in agricultural pursuits, although deriving the benefits of a near neighbourhood to a flourishing town.

3rd. That



3rd. That these outlying districts have not expressed any wish to be added to the borough; one, in fact, the parish of Ore, in vestry assembled, to consider this question, having decided that it was not desirable for them to be added to Hastings as a Parliamentary borough; and that the other district, "Tivoli," has taken no steps to make its wishes known, although it was hinted by the Assistant Boundary Commissioners, when they were in the locality, that if they wished for Parliamentary representation in connection with Hastings, a public expression of such desire should be shown.

4th. That the power of returning Members to Parliament is one of the dearest privileges of the townspeople, and your Petitioners affirm that no cause has been shown why the right should be interfered with by the addition of a district, the population of which are not subject to the jurisdiction of the local authorities, nor liable to contribute to any public improvement in the shape of rates.

Lastly. Your Petitioners respectfully submit that the people of the borough should not be liable to be controlled in their Parliamentary representation by the votes of persons who are almost entirely connected with the land and have no sympathy with the town as a centre of representation.

For these reasons your Petitioners pray your honourable House that such portion of the Boundary Bill as relates to Hastings may be struck out.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Given under our common seal, this 3rd day of April 1868.

Witness to the common seal being affixed hereto,

One Signature.

### 3.—MEMORIALS.

— None. —



### 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

STATEMENT put in by Mr. *Waldegrave Leslie*, M.P.

#### HASTINGS BOUNDARY.

THE Mayor and Corporation of Hastings have presented a petition to the House of Commons against any extension of the Parliamentary boundaries of the borough and Cinque port of Hastings.

The petition clearly states some of the principal grounds of objection.

The inhabitants of Hastings and St. Leonards object to any extension of the boundaries. They consider the boundaries already sufficiently extensive. The population within the present boundaries being now in 1868 between 26,000 and 30,000. A large area within the present boundaries is still unbuilt upon, and is gradually being covered with houses. If the boundaries be further extended, it will be possible to make the borough almost too large.

The inhabitants of Hastings and St. Leonards almost (if not quite) object to any extension of the Parliamentary boundaries, which does not include an extension of the municipal boundaries.

If the municipal boundaries should be extended, the inhabitants of Hastings and St. Leonards would not object to an extension of the Parliamentary boundaries to the same line.

But the inhabitants of the proposed extension object to being included for municipal purposes, and also object to being included for Parliamentary purposes for fear of being brought within the municipal boundaries, and so being liable to municipal rating.

The extension of the Parliamentary boundaries, as recommended in the report, includes most of the parish of Ore, the parish of St. Mary-in-the-Castle and the parish of St. Leonard.

The parishioners of Ore, in vestry assembled, unanimously voted that as no part of the parish of Ore is within the Parliamentary or municipal boundaries of Hastings, they may not be included within the extended boundaries.

The proposed extension of the part of the parish of Ore includes a vast quantity of agricultural land not built or likely to be built upon, and a mostly poor agricultural population.

The parish of St. Mary-in-the-Castle is already partly within both the Parliamentary and the municipal boundaries.

One portion of that district is very thickly built upon, and a large portion is unbuilt upon. The parish of St. Mary-in-the-Castle borders on the seashore, and runs north-

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ward to the extent of three miles inland. The first mile, or thereabouts, of this is much built upon, and within the Parliamentary and municipal limits. The other two miles is very sparingly inhabited, and is almost entirely agricultural land.

It is not desirable to include any more of the parish of St. Mary-in-the-Castle within the Parliamentary boundaries. One portion (and that is mostly built upon) of the parish of St. Leonard is already within the Parliamentary and municipal boundaries.

So much of the proposed extension contains simply agricultural land, not built upon as yet, nor likely for years hence to be built upon, that it is submitted to the committee that it is desirable on the whole not to extend the boundaries within the parish of St. Leonard until its municipal boundaries be extended.

With regard to the following passages in the Report of the Boundary Commissioners:

"The Commissioners are in like manner "to inquire into the boundaries of every other borough in England and Wales, except those which have been disfranchised by the Act," (viz., Totnes, Lancaster, Reigate, and Great Yarmouth,) "with a view to ascertain whether the boundaries should be enlarged, so as to include within the limits of the borough all premises which ought, due regard being had to situation or other local circumstances, to be included therein, for the purpose of conferring upon the occupiers thereof the Parliamentary franchise."

The inhabitants of Hastings and St. Leonards generally agree that all premises under the above designation are already included within the present boundaries.

"The first question which the Commissioners will have to determine in the case of each borough will be, whether or not the boundaries embrace the whole of the population which ought to be included within the limits of the borough. To enable the Commissioners to form an opinion upon this point, it will be incumbent upon the Assistant Commissioners to inquire whether there are any considerable number of houses beyond the existing borough boundaries the occupiers of which, from community of interests with the borough or from other local circumstances, may be considered as forming part of the town population, and to report any other facts which may assist the Commissioners in determining whether or not such houses should be included within the Parliamentary boundaries of such borough."

The inhabitants of Hastings and St. Leonards think that the present boundaries do embrace the whole of the population who ought to be within the limits, and that so long as the municipal boundaries are not extended the Parliamentary boundaries should not be extended.

"In relation to this branch of the inquiry, the Assistant Commissioners should ascertain whether in the case of a corporate town the municipal boundaries extend beyond the Parliamentary limits; and in the case of a borough under the Local Government Act or a Towns Improvement Act, whether the area of the district affected by such Act includes a population not within the Parliamentary borough."

The first part of this instruction does not apply, the second part does, and the whole of the area now within the Local Government Act is also within the Parliamentary boundaries.

"The Assistant Commissioners must bear in mind that when a recommendation is made that any neighbouring district should be included within the limits of a borough, it is necessary that one continuous boundary be observed; and they must understand that the Commissioners have no power to entertain proposals for the grouping together of separate towns or districts so as to form a borough."

The people of Hastings and St. Leonards do not think that the first part of this instruction has been quite carefully complied with in the case of the proposed extension.

"Whenever, for the reasons adverted to, an extension of the boundaries of a borough is proposed, the Assistant Commissioners will ascertain and report whether the alterations are consistent with well-known limits, such as parochial and other boundaries of a like nature."

The people of Hastings and St. Leonards do not think that this instruction has been quite carefully complied with in the recommended extension, which the Committee can observe for themselves by looking at the line from east to west drawn across the country and through fields in the parish of Ore, without following any well-defined line.

"We found that there was a general indisposition on the part of persons residing in the immediate neighbourhood of boroughs to their premises being included within the Parliamentary boundary; but that in almost every case this indisposition was attributable to the fear that an extension of Parliamentary boundaries would be followed by a corresponding extension of municipal area, and that consequently they would become liable to the payment of borough rates."

The above remark of the Boundary Commissioners is especially true in the case of Hastings and St. Leonards.

I would, therefore, venture to recommend to the Committee, that it is desirable that a law should be passed making in the case of all boroughs who have the privilege of returning one or more Members to Parliament the Parliamentary and municipal boundaries to be conterminous, and that whenever under the provisions of an Act of Parliament, or an

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Order in Council, the municipal boundaries of such boroughs are extended, the Parliamentary boundaries shall, *ipso facto*, be extended likewise.

Such a law would satisfy the wishes of all in Hastings and St. Leonards, whether they live within or without the present and the proposed boundaries of the borough.

22nd May 1868.

(signed) *George Waldegrave Leslie.*

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PAPERS handed in by Mr. *J. Kaye*, Assistant Commissioner.

A Special Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hastings, held at the Town Hall on Friday the 20th day of September 1867, to take into consideration the subject of the extension of the Boundaries of the Borough, under the provisions of the Representation of the Peoples Act, 1867; and of the steps to be taken before the two Commissioners appointed for this District, who have fixed Saturday the 28th instant at the Town Hall, at 11 o'clock, for their enquiry in this Borough; Wm. Scrivens, Esq, Mayor, in the chair.

Resolved,

THAT in the opinion of this council, the limits of the Municipal and Parliamentary boundaries being conterminous, it is not desirable that the Parliamentary boundaries should be extended.

That the mayor, deputy mayor, town clerk and surveyor be requested to attend the court, to be held by the Assistant Boundary Commissioner, and lay before them the above resolution, and further explain to the Commission that the grounds of the opposition of the council to any extension are:—

1st. That the surrounding districts are of an agricultural character, and as such have not a common interest with the inhabitants.

2nd. That the present municipality is subject to borough and general district rates, which could not be assessed upon any district which might be added to the present boundaries, and further that the borough is liable to a very considerable debt, amounting nearly to 100,000*l.*, which liability would continue to fall upon the inhabitants of the present district, however much the limits of the Parliamentary district might be extended.

That the number of the electors of the borough have increased since the passing of the Reform Bill of 1832, from 574 to 1,921, and the population within the present limits of the borough have increased from 10,231 to 23,443, and are likely to continue to increase largely within the present boundaries.

(signed) *Wm. Scrivens*, Mayor.

LETTERS from Mr. *J. Kaye*, Assistant Commissioner, addressed to the Clerk of the Committee.

Sir,

Temple, 27 May.

I BEG herewith to return you the two maps of Hastings, and have the honour also to enclose the description of the boundary requested by the Committee.

Captain Palmer has traced upon the large map the line of boundary required, and we have to beg, that, when the Committee have no further use for it, it may be returned to "The Town Surveyor, Hastings," from whom we have borrowed it.

Charles Eales, Esq.

I am, &c.

(signed) *Joseph Kaye.*

Dear Sir,

Temple, 29 May.

I REGRET that the Committee should have had the trouble of referring to us for a further description of the proposed boundary of Hastings.

We had not previously before us the boundary described by the Commissioners in their Report to Parliament.

We have now taken the exact language used in their Report, with only the necessary variations to describe the line as at present proposed.

Charles Eales, Esq.

I am, &c.

(signed) *Joseph Kaye.*





## L A M B E T H.



## 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

WE have been urged to propose that the southern boundary of this borough should be extended as far as the Crystal Palace and West End Railway (about three miles to the south of the existing boundary); but, as we find that it already includes a large tract in the parish of St. Giles, Camberwell, to the south of the line X Y on the plan, in which there are no rows of houses, and to the north of which there is still much ground not built over, we think that it would be more reasonable to make the line X Y the boundary than to increase the area on that side.

We recommend, however, that the boundary should include the houses on the south side of Herne Hill and Water-lane, as well as those on the east side of Lower Tulse Hill, as far as Trinity Church; but, in order to avoid intersecting the corner of Streatham parish, we recommend that none of the villas in Upper Tulse-hill Road should be annexed, and that the boundary should be continued along the west side of New Park Road to All Saints Churchyard.

A considerable part of the parish of St. Mary, Lambeth (a large portion of which is in this borough), would thus be added to it, which is considered desirable by the parochial authorities.

We find that our views have been generally confirmed with regard to the advantages which would be gained by tracing boundaries for all purposes along the backs of the houses, in preference to the centres of roads, so as to include all the houses on both sides of each street in the same district, and we, therefore, recommend the line shown in purple on the plan as the best boundary which can now be adopted, especially as it is impossible to take in the whole of the parishes of St. Giles, Camberwell, and St. Mary, Lambeth.

We also propose to include a large part of the parish of Clapham, and to trace the boundary along the backs of the houses on the west side of Lyham Road and Crescent-lane, and of those on the east side of Clapham Common, as far as the New Road to the south of Crescent-lane; and thence across Clapham Common, and along Wix's-lane to within 200 feet of the Wandsworth Road.

So many houses are being built on the south side of Battersea Park, and between the South Western Railway and the Wandsworth Road, that we recommend that those in Pig-hill Road and Latchmere Road should be included in the borough, and that the boundary should be continued from York Road along the west side of Battersea Park to the River Thames.

The total number of houses which would thus be added to the borough would be about 8,140, and their population is about 57,000. The following is the description of the boundary of the borough of Lambeth which we recommend:—

From a point in the present boundary of the borough of Lambeth, 200 feet south-east of Champion Hill, south westward at that distance from that boundary until the latter reaches Herne Hill, and at the same distance from Herne Hill until it intersects Half-moon-lane; then due south to a point 400 feet from that lane, and thence due west till it cuts Norwood-lane; then north westward at a distance of 200 feet from Water-lane, to a point 200 feet east of Lower Tulse-hill Road, and thence southward at the same distance from that road as far as Trinity Road, near Trinity Church; then westward along the north side of that road, and of Upper Tulse-hill Road as far as the lane, about 280 feet from Lower Tulse-hill Road: then northwards along the east side of that lane, and the backs of the lots along the north side of Upper Tulse-hill Road as far as the lane which joins that road at a point about 850 feet from Brixton Rise; thence in a straight line to a point in the lane, connecting Upper Tulse-hill Road with Somers Road, 110 feet from the latter, and southward along the east side of that lane to Upper Tulse-hill Road; then westward along the north side of that road, the west side of Brixton Rise and of New Park Road, and the west side of Lyham Road, to the south-eastern angle of All Saints Church yard; thence due west 500 feet, and then northward in a straight line to a point in Cornwall Road 120 feet east of Loat's Road; then westward along the south side of Cornwall Road to Park Hill, and southward along the west side of Park Hill to a point 200 feet south of Crescent-lane; thence westward, at the same distance from that lane and from Clapham Common, as far as the New Road, about 1,100 feet south of Crescent-lane; then along the north side of that road, and in a straight line to the south end of Wix's-lane, and along the east side of that lane to a point 200 feet south of the Wandsworth Road; thence westward, at that distance from that road, to a point 200 feet west of the prolongation of Pig-hill-path; thence northward at a distance of 200 feet from Pig-hill Road and Latchmere Road to York Road, and along the south side of that road, the east side of Bridge Road, and of the

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southern road leading from it to Battersea Park, and along the west side of Battersea Park to the River Thames, and along the line of low-water mark in that river, and the existing boundary of the borough to the first named point.

We have, &c,  
(signed) *P. J. Bainbrigge*, Major General,  
Royal Engineers.  
" *Nassan J. Senior*.

To the Boundary Commissioners.

## 2.—PETITIONS.

PETITION of the Electors of the Parish of Clapham, in the County of Surrey.

The humble Petition of the Electors of the Parish of Clapham, in the County of Surrey,

Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners have learnt with astonishment that the Boundary Commissioners, appointed under the 30 & 31 Vict. c. 102, have recommended that the parish of Clapham should, for Parliamentary purposes, be separated from East Surrey, and incorporated with the borough of Lambeth.

The present borough of Lambeth has a population exceeding 350,000. The total number of male occupiers (independent of those proposed to be added) who will have a vote for Members of Parliament, under "The Representation of the People Act, 1867," is about 43,000, exclusive of lodger votes.

The population of East Surrey, as at present constituted, is considerably less than that of the borough of Lambeth, and the number of male occupiers, rated at 12*l.* and above, and therefore entitled to vote for knights of the shire, is about 25,000.

That by the Act before mentioned East Surrey is divided into two nearly equal parts, called respectively East Surrey and Mid Surrey, in the former of which Clapham is situate. When such division is made, East Surrey (inclusive of Clapham) will have about 13,000 voters.

That the population of Clapham is not urban, there being no manufactories or works in the parish giving employment to large bodies of working men.

That your Petitioners are not municipally or otherwise connected with the borough of Lambeth, but form one of the six parishes designated under the Metropolis Local Management Acts as the Wandsworth District Board of Works, and with the same parishes as the Wandsworth and Clapham Union under the Poor Law Acts, and which parishes are not proposed by the Boundary Commissioners to be interfered with.

Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to allow them as heretofore to remain a part of the constituency of East Surrey.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

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## 3.—MEMORIALS.

— None. —

## 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

— None. —

LETTER from Mr. *Doulton*, M.P., laid before the Committee by the Secretary of the Boundary Commissioners.

Sir,

Lambeth, 5 September 1867.

WILL you allow me, very respectfully but earnestly, to call the attention of the Boundary Commissioners to a singular anomaly connected with the boundary of the borough which I have the honour to represent.

At the present time the Borough of Lambeth only includes a portion of the parish of Lambeth; that portion of the parish lying beyond Brixton Church being without the boundaries of the borough.

Great inconvenience and dissatisfaction are felt at every election consequent upon this fact, and I therefore trouble you with a line to suggest, for the consideration of the Commissioners, the advisability of making the borough conterminous with the parish.

I am, &c.  
(signed) *Frederick Doulton*.



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## L I V E R P O O L.

## 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

THE borough of Liverpool consists of the parish of Liverpool, the townships of Everton and Kirkdale, part of the extra-parochial place of Toxteth Park, and part of the township of West Derby.

Its Parliamentary limits are thus described in the Act 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 64:

“From the western extremity of Dingle-lane, on the south of the town, along Dingle-lane, to the point at which the same meets Ullet-lane; thence along Ullet-lane to the point at which the same meets Lodge-lane; thence along Lodge-lane to the point at which the same meets Smithdown-lane; thence along Smithdown-lane to the point at which the same is met by the boundary of the township of Wavertree; thence, northward, along the boundary of the township of Wavertree to that point thereof which is nearest to the south-eastern corner of the wall of the new Botanic Gardens; thence in a straight line to the said south-eastern corner; thence along the eastern wall of the new Botanic Gardens to the point at which such wall reaches Edge-lane; thence, eastward, along Edge-lane to a point 74 yards distant from the point last described; thence in a line parallel to the new street called Grove-street to the point at which such parallel line reaches the London-road; thence along the London-road to the point at which the same is joined by Deane-street; thence in a straight line to the boundary stone in Rake-lane, near the southern extremity of Whitefield-lane; thence, northward, along the boundary of the township of Everton to the point at which the same joins the boundary of the township of Kirkdale; thence, northward, along the boundary of the township of Kirkdale to the point at which the same reaches the high-water mark of the River Mersey; thence along the high-water mark of the River Mersey to that point thereof which is nearest to the point first described; thence in a straight line to the point first described.”

The population in 1861 was 443,938, showing an increase of 242,187 since 1831.

The number of inhabited houses in 1861 was 65,781.

The number of the electors on the register of 1865-6 was—

|                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |        |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------|
| £.10 occupiers | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 20,554 |
| Freemen        | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,285  |
|                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 21,839 |
| Double entries | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,221  |
| Actual number  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 20,618 |

The total number of male occupations in 1866 was 60,533, of which 20,454 were below 10 l.

Since the year 1835 the municipal and the Parliamentary limits of Liverpool have been identical. The present borough comprises the parish of Liverpool, the townships of Everton and Kirkdale, part of the extra parochial place of Toxteth Park, and part of the township of West Derby. The borough contains an area of 5,210 A. 2 R., of which 1,035 acres are unbuilt upon.

The population of the borough was, in 1841, 286,487, in 1851, 376,065, and in 1867 is estimated at 490,894.

The number of 10 l. householders on the Parliamentary Register for 1866 is 20,450, besides 1,149 freemen.

It is calculated that the number to be added to the register by the Representation of the People Act amounts to 16,000.

The rateable value of the property in the borough was, in 1866, 2,386,041 l.

The limits of the water supply extend to a distance of 10 miles, the limits of gas supply, to a distance of 7 miles, far beyond the borough or any extension of its boundary which has been proposed.

The only proposal for an extension of the borough emanated from the town council. The particulars of this proposal are contained in a printed Report which is dated 4th October 1867. According to this proposal the town council would annex the whole of Bootle-cum-Linacre, the whole of Walton-on-the-Hill, an additional portion of West Derby, the whole

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of Wavertree, the remaining portion of Toxteth Park, and a portion of Fazakerly, comprising a total addition of 9,181 acres.

Some of the statements contained in this Report were disputed, particularly that which implies that the boundary proposed "does not include any considerable area of purely agricultural land." It is possible that the town council may have had some doubts as to the accuracy of this statement, inasmuch as, during our inquiry in St. George's Hall, the town clerk suggested a modified boundary which is marked upon the map. It is also to be observed that, throughout this Report, the question of extending the boundaries is regarded from a municipal rather than from a Parliamentary point of view.

The proposal of the town council was opposed before us by representatives from all the townships, the whole or portions of which it was proposed to include within the borough, except Toxteth which was not represented.

The grounds upon which this opposition proceeded were identical:

1. That the persons occupying the houses in those out-townships are quite satisfied to remain as they are, and object to be absorbed in the municipal borough.

2. That the boundary proposed by the town council includes a considerable extent of agricultural land, and that its adoption would deprive a large number of persons of their county votes.

The first township on the north abutting on the river is Bootle-cum-Linacre, which contains 1,207 acres; but of these, 850 are purely agricultural, 156 are waste, and 201 are built upon. The population in 1861 was 6,414, in 1867 it is estimated at 11,800.

In the township of Walton-on-the-Hill it was stated to us that out of 1,944 acres at least 1,360 were under cultivation.

The population in 1861 was 3,594, and in 1867 it is computed at 3,750.

As to the township of West Derby, part of it is already within the borough, the remainder, consisting of 5,529 acres, is without; and of this it is proposed to include 2,490 acres, or nearly one-half, within the extended boundaries.

The population of West Derby outside the borough in 1861 was 16,167, and in 1867 it was computed at 21,000.

It is stated that in this portion of West Derby there are 508 persons now on the register for the county. A majority of these have also borough votes, and will practically be disfranchised if this addition is made to the present borough. We have discussed at large the arguments for and against including districts, such as this of West Derby, in our Report on Manchester, and therefore it is needless to repeat them in this place.

As to Wavertree, the acreage is estimated at 1,838 acres, and of this it is stated that at least two-thirds consist of agricultural land.

The population in 1861 was 5,392, in 1867 it is estimated at 6,685.

Lastly, we come to Toxteth Park (extra parochial), which, according to the town clerk, contains 1,295 acres, and of this more than one-half is unbuilt upon. A large portion of the district is occupied by Sefton Park, which has been lately purchased by the Corporation. But between the western side of the park and the river there is a mass of detached villas, some of which are surrounded by a considerable extent of pleasure-ground, and the houses about to be built in this district will be of the same character.

The following information was supplied to us by the town clerk:—

Particulars as to the portion of Toxteth Park outside the present borough of Liverpool:

|                                                                             |   |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------------|
| In 1867—Number of occupiers of houses under 12 <i>l.</i> net rateable value | - | 107        |
| The same of 12 <i>l.</i> and under 50 <i>l.</i> (net rateable value) -      | - | 374        |
| The same of 50 <i>l.</i> and upwards -                                      | - | 199        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> - - -                                                          |   | <b>680</b> |

The above do not include occupiers of land only nor any other non-qualifying premises.

We are informed that the number of occupiers now on the county register is 104.

The whole of the townships which we have mentioned possess local boards, with the exception of Bootle-cum-Linacre, which is almost entirely the property of Lord Derby.

We made frequent and careful inspection of the whole of the district included within the boundary suggested by the town council, and we have come to the conclusion that it is too extensive and inconvenient. In some places it divides, in the most arbitrary manner, houses and even villages; and in Green-lane, West Derby, while it includes the land unbuilt upon, it excludes the other side of the road, which is lined with houses.

We have, therefore, endeavoured to draw a line which will include the mass of building immediately beyond the present boundary, and will exclude the land which is unbuilt over, and is likely to remain so for some time. This line is defined generally by the railway; but excludes those portions which are purely agricultural.

As to Toxteth Park, outside the borough, we have coloured it with Indian ink, following the rule adopted with respect to the southern side of Manchester. We submit the question to the Commissioners whether it should or should not be included in the new boundary. It will be observed that we have extended the boundary along the bank, so as to include all the docks which are either constructed or in process of construction. But, with respect to this boundary, there is an ambiguity which it seems advisable to clear up. The Boundary Act of 1832 defines the Parliamentary boundary by "the high-water mark of the River Mersey."



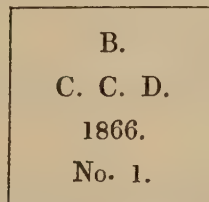
Mersey." There is a dispute between the dock trustees and the overseers of the poor of the parish of Liverpool as to the meaning of this expression. Both parties desired that the point should be mentioned to the Commissioners, and we have thought it right to allow them to state shortly the point in dispute. The case is at present the subject of litigation, and the dock trustees were anxious to prevent the possibility of having their right affected by any proceeding of the Commissioners, or by any Act of Parliament which may be founded upon their report.

In order to avoid all dispute, the most convenient boundary appears to be the middle of the river.

The proposed boundary may be described as follows:—

The Parliamentary borough of Liverpool, and also the space included within the following boundary, that is to say:

From the point (A) at which Ullet-lane leaves the boundary of the said borough along the said lane and Smithdown-lane to the point (B) at which Smithdown-lane is crossed by the Edge-hill and Garston branch of the London and North Western Railway; thence along the said branch railway to the point (C) at which the same meets the boundary of the said borough; thence, easterly, along the Edge-hill and Broth branch of the London and North Western Railway to the point (D) at which the same crosses the boundary of the township of West Derby; thence along the said boundary of West Derby to the point (E) at which the same meets Priory-lane; thence, southerly, along Priory-lane to the point (F) at which the said lane meets Breck-road; thence along Breck-road to the point (G) at which the same meets the Walton Breck-road to the point (H) at which the same meets the boundary of the said borough; thence along the said boundary to the point (J) at which the same is cut by the Kirkdale or Bootle-road; thence along the said road to the point (K) at which the same joins Hawthorn-road; thence along Hawthorn-road to the point (L) at which Hawthorn-road meets Mill-lane; and thence, northerly, in a straight line, to the boundary stone (M) of Christ Church district marked—



on the east bank of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal; thence along the said canal to the point (O) at which the same crosses the boundary of the township of Bootle-cum-Linacre; thence along the boundary of the said townships to the point (P) near Rimrose Bridge on the east bank of the River Mersey; thence, southerly, along the River Mersey to the point (Q) at the western extremity of Dingle-lane in the boundary of the said borough; thence along the said boundary to the point (A) first described.

Should the Commissioners determine to include Toxteth Park (extra-parochial), the following addition must be made:—

And also the remaining portion of Toxteth Park, now beyond the boundary of the said borough.

*P. Cumin.*

*C. G. Gordon.*

## 2.—PETITIONS.

PETITION of the Highway Board of the Township of *Bootle-cum-Linacre*, in the County of *Lancaster*.

The humble Petition of the Highway Board of the Township of *Bootle-cum-Linacre*, in the County of *Lancaster*,

Showeth,

THAT, by the Report of the Boundary Commissioners for England and Wales, appointed under the authority of "The Representation of the People Act, 1867," to inquire into the boundaries of boroughs, "with a view to ascertain whether the boundaries should be enlarged so as to include within the limits of the borough all premises which ought (due regard being had to situation or other local circumstances) to be included therein for the purpose of conferring on the occupiers thereof the Parliamentary franchise for such borough," and which Report has recently been laid before Parliament, it is recommended that the whole or the greater portion of the said township of *Bootle-cum-Linacre* be included in the limits of the borough of *Liverpool*.

That the whole of the said township, which occupies an area of 1,207 acres, is, with very trifling exception, the freehold of the Right Honourable the Earl of Derby, whose invariable practice it is to let his lands on lease for terms of 75 years.

That, if the boundary of the borough of *Liverpool* be extended so as to include the said township, or any portion of it, the provisions of the 24th and 25th sections of the Act of 2 Will. 4, c. 45 (which are incorporated in "The Representation of the People Act, 1867," by



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Section 59 thereof), excluding leaseholders and copyholders from the exercise of the franchise in boroughs, will operate to effect the disfranchisement of about 1,200 persons, who would by the last-mentioned Act be constituted county voters, in respect of the leasehold hereditaments held by them under the said earl.

That, by reason of the very small quantity of freehold land in the said township which is not owned by the said earl, the said township, which has a population of over 20,000, cannot, under the most favourable conditions, ever contain more than 20 county voters if the recommendation of the said Boundary Commissioners with respect thereto be carried into effect.

That the circumstances and position of the said township above detailed are peculiar, and such as to warrant an exceptional consideration of the recommendation of the Boundary Commissioners in its case, in order that the number of borough voters be not increased at the expense of the almost entire extinction of the class of county voters in the said township.

That a Petition against incorporation with the borough of Liverpool, signed by 1,641 ratepayers of the said township, was presented to the Deputy Boundary Commissioners on the occasion of their holding their inquiry at Liverpool.

Your Petitioners therefore most humbly pray that the recommendation of the Boundary Commissioners with regard to their said township may not pass into law, and that they may be heard by their counsel, agents, and witnesses against the adoption of such of the clauses of the said report as relate to their said township.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

[11 Signatures.]

PETITION of the Inhabitant Householders and Ratepayers of the Township of *Walton-on-the-Hill*, in the County of *Lancaster*.

The humble Petition of the Inhabitant Householders and Ratepayers of the Township of *Walton-on-the-Hill*, in the County of *Lancaster*,

Showeth,

THAT, by the Report of the Boundary Commissioners for England and Wales, appointed under the authority of "The Representation of the People Act, 1867," to inquire into the boundaries of boroughs, "with a view to ascertain whether the boundaries should be enlarged, so as to include within the limits of the borough all premises which ought (due regard being had to situation or other local circumstances) to be included therein," for the purpose of conferring on the occupiers thereof the Parliamentary franchise for such borough," it is recommended that a considerable portion of the said township of *Walton-on-the-Hill* be included within the limits of the borough of *Liverpool*.

That a Bill has been, or is shortly about to be, introduced into your Honourable House, adopting without alteration the said Report of the Boundary Commissioners.

That the said township is essentially a rural district in a sense and to an extent which is not equally true of any other township which adjoins the borough of *Liverpool*; an assertion which is corroborated by the fact, that out of an entire area of 1,886 acres, 1,360 acres (or more than two-thirds of the said township) are at present under cultivation.

That the village of *Walton-on-the-Hill*, which forms the nucleus of the said township, is wholly severed and at a distance of at least two miles from the nearest suburb of the said borough, and the population of such village is entirely a local one, and in no way connected with the trade of the said borough.

That the houses contained in that portion of the said township, which, by the Report of the Boundary Commissioners, is proposed to be included in the borough of *Liverpool*, are about without exception of such a class as to confer the county franchise upon the occupants thereof, either under the provisions of "The Reform Act, 1832," or of "The Representation of the People Act, 1867," and that no extended enfranchisement of ratepayers will ensue upon the incorporation with *Liverpool* of such portion of the said township as aforesaid; the change effected being merely one from the county to the borough franchise.

That the opinion and feeling of the mass of the inhabitants, not only of the whole township, but especially of that portion so proposed to be incorporated with *Liverpool* as aforesaid, are opposed to any change of their present condition either with respect to the franchise or otherwise.

Your Petitioners, therefore, most humbly pray that their wishes, as the persons chiefly interested in the extension of the boundary of the borough so as to include any portion of their township, may receive the consideration of your Honourable House, and that so much of the Report of the Boundary Commissioners as relates to their township or of any Bill adopting the same, may not pass into law, and that they may be heard by their counsel, agents, and witnesses in support of their prayer.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

[88 Signatures.]

PETITION of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Liverpool*.Liverpool.

The humble Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Liverpool,  
under their corporate Seal,

Showeth,

1. THAT a Bill has been introduced into your Honourable House for carrying into effect the recommendations contained in the Report of the Boundary Commissioners appointed by "The Representation of the People Act, 1867."
2. That by the said Report it is proposed considerably to extend the boundaries of the said borough, and amongst other townships it is intended to include parts of the townships of Walton-on-the-Hill and West Derby, and of the extra-parochial place of Toxteth Park.
3. That the said Report contains the following paragraph: "In proposing an extension of the existing Parliamentary limits of the borough, the Commissioners have drawn a line which will include the mass of building immediately beyond the present boundary, and will exclude the land which is not built over nor likely to be so for some time. This line is defined generally by the railway."
4. That at present the municipal and Parliamentary boundaries of the borough are conterminous, which is an arrangement possessing many advantages.
5. Your Petitioners therefore respectfully submit that, in the absence of any reason to the contrary on Imperial or Parliamentary grounds, the proposed extension should include the localities hereafter mentioned, which it is very desirable should eventually be included within the borough for municipal purposes, so that the boundaries for Parliamentary and municipal purposes may again become conterminous.
6. That upon an application by your Petitioners to Parliament for an extension of the municipal boundary of the borough it will be very difficult to obtain such extension beyond the limits of the Parliamentary boundary as proposed to be enlarged; and it is therefore on this account also desirable that the limits to be now fixed for Parliamentary purposes should be of sufficient extent to form, or, at all events to include within it, a convenient municipal boundary.
7. That the present area of the said borough is 5,110 acres; and by the said Report it is proposed to add to the area thereof 2,028 acres (or thereabouts), videlicet, 822 acres (or thereabouts) from Bootle, 150 acres (or thereabouts) from Walton-on-the-Hill, 589 acres (or thereabouts) from West Derby, 233 acres (or thereabouts) from Wavertree, and 234 acres (or thereabouts) from Toxteth Park.
8. That the town population of the said borough is now rapidly extending beyond the extended limits proposed by the Boundary Commissioners to such an extent as will in a very few years include so much of the localities hereafter mentioned as are not devoted to park purposes; and your Petitioners respectfully submit that a modified extension of the proposed boundary may with advantage be made at the following points, videlicet, by including on the north-west side a small additional portion of the township of Walton-on-the-Hill; on the east side a small additional portion of the township of West Derby; and on the south side an additional portion of Toxteth Park.
9. That on the north-west side of the borough the proposed addition contains 157 acres (or thereabouts), of which 97 acres (or thereabouts) have been recently purchased by the corporation, and are now being laid out as a public park, to be called "Stanley Park," for the use of the inhabitants of the borough. Of the remaining 60 acres (or thereabouts), not belonging to the corporation, 31 acres (or thereabouts) are now occupied by buildings or for residential purposes, leaving only 29 acres (or thereabouts) of agricultural land.
10. That the boundary line, which would include the above-mentioned locality, is equally well defined, and as convenient in all respects as that proposed by the Commissioners, and no other convenient boundary line can be adopted which would include the Stanley Park.
11. That on the east side of the borough the proposed addition contains 136 acres (or thereabouts), of which 63 acres (or thereabouts) belong to the corporation, and upon which a portion of the waterworks of the corporation is situate; of the 73 acres (or thereabouts) not belonging to the corporation, 62 acres (or thereabouts) have been laid out for building purposes, seven acres are occupied by the Liverpool Cattle Market, and four acres (or thereabouts) are now occupied by buildings or for residential purposes, exclusive of any portion so occupied, and which has been laid out for building purposes.
12. That the boundary line, which would include the above-mentioned locality, is equally well defined and as convenient in all respects as that proposed by the Commissioners, and no other convenient boundary line can be adopted which would include the property and waterworks of the corporation.
13. That on the south side of the borough the proposed addition is divided into two portions: The portion lying on the north-east side of Aigburth-road contains 610 acres (or thereabouts), of which 382 acres (or thereabouts) belong to the corporation, and are now



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being laid out as a public park, to be called "Sefton Park," for the use of the inhabitants of the borough, and as sites for villa residences adjoining the park. Of the 228 acres (or thereabouts) not belonging to the corporation, 57 acres (or thereabouts) have been laid out for building purposes, and 65 acres (or thereabouts) are now occupied by buildings or for residential purposes, exclusive of any portion so occupied, and which has been laid out for building purposes, leaving 106 acres (or thereabouts) of agricultural land. The portion lying on the south-west side of the Aigburth-road contains 415 acres (or thereabouts), of which 330 acres (or thereabouts) are now occupied by buildings or for residential purposes, including certain fields in the occupation of the owners or occupiers of mansions or messuages, leaving 85 acres (or thereabouts) of agricultural land.

14. That the boundary line which would include the whole of the above-mentioned locality is equally well defined, and as convenient in all respects as that proposed by the Commissioners, and by the adoption thereof the remaining portion of the district of Toxteth Park would (except a very small area of agricultural land cut off by the London and North Western Railway) be added to the borough, and that the portion cut off by the railway could be conveniently added to the adjoining district.

15. That the boundary line which would include the portion of the above-mentioned locality lying on the north-east side of the Aigburth-road is equally well defined, and as convenient in all respects as that proposed by the Commissioners, and no other convenient boundary line, except one of those suggested by your Petitioners, can be adopted which will include the Sefton Park, the property of your petitioners.

16. That the inhabitants in the districts comprised within the extended limits proposed by your Petitioners are closely identified in interest with the borough of Liverpool.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House may be pleased to make such amendments in the said Bill as will include the above-mentioned areas respectively within the limits of the Parliamentary borough of Liverpool.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

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PETITION of the Local Board of Health for the District of *West Derby*, in the County of *Lancaster*.

THE humble Petition of the Local Board of Health for the District of *West Derby*, in the County of *Lancaster*, under their common Seal,

Showeth,

THAT by the Report of the Boundary Commissioners for England and Wales, appointed under the authority of "The Representation of the People Act, 1867" (30 & 31 Vict. c. 102), to inquire into the boundaries of boroughs, with a view to ascertain whether the boundaries should be enlarged so as to include within the limits of the borough all premises which ought, due regard being had to situation or other local circumstances, to be included therein for the purpose of conferring on the occupiers thereof the Parliamentary franchise for such borough (and which Report has recently been laid before Parliament), it is recommended that the borough of Liverpool be extended so as to take in and comprise a great portion of the remaining part of the township of West Derby.

That a Bill has been, or is shortly about to be, introduced into your Honourable House, adopting without alteration the said Report of the Boundary Commissioners.

That "The Public Health Act, 1848," and "The Local Government Act, 1858," were applied to the district of West Derby, in the county of Lancaster, in the year 1860, and your Petitioners are the local authority under such Acts in the said district.

That the acreage of the whole of the district of West Derby not comprised in the present borough of Liverpool is 5,529 acres. Of this, 644 acres, or thereabouts, is proposed by the said Report of the Boundary Commissioners to be added to the borough, and it is within this part that a very considerable number of the inhabitants of the district reside.

That many persons who have at present two votes, one for the borough by virtue of their place of business in Liverpool, and another for the county in respect of their residence in West Derby, would, in the event of the Parliamentary borough being extended as recommended by the said Commissioners, lose their county votes altogether, and the Act would thus, instead of extending the franchise, very materially diminish it.

That there are about 380 persons now residing in the district of West Derby who possess both a county and a borough vote, and who would, in the event of the borough of Liverpool being extended as recommended by the Commissioners, and mentioned above, lose their county votes altogether.

That the opinion and feeling of by far the greater part of the inhabitants, not only of the whole of the district of West Derby, but especially of that portion so proposed to be incorporated with Liverpool as aforesaid, are opposed to any change of their present condition with respect to the franchise or otherwise, and most strongly object either to change the county votes to which they are now entitled for borough votes, or to lose them altogether.

That



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That the circumstances and position of the said district of West Derby are, your Petitioners submit, peculiar, and such as to warrant an exceptional consideration of the recommendation of the Boundary Commissioners, in order that the number of borough voters may not be increased by the almost entire extinction of county votes in the district.

Your Petitioners, therefore, most humbly pray that their wishes, as the representatives of the persons chiefly interested in the extension of the boundary of the borough of Liverpool, so as to include any portion of their district, may receive the consideration of your Honourable House, and that so much of the Report of the Boundary Commissioners with regard to their said district, or any Bill adopting the same, may not pass into law.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

[6 Signatures.]

PETITION of the Inhabitants, Householders, and Ratepayers of that portion of the Township of *West Derby*, which is not comprised in the Borough of *Liverpool*.

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants, Householders, and Ratepayers of that portion of the Township of West Derby, in the County of Lancaster, which is not comprised in the Borough of Liverpool,

Showeth,

THAT by the Report of the Boundary Commissioners for England and Wales, appointed under the authority of "The Representation of the People Act, 1867" (30 & 31 Vict. c. 102), to inquire into the boundaries of boroughs "with a view to ascertain whether the boundaries should be enlarged, so as to include within the limits of the borough all premises which ought, due regard being had to situation or other local circumstances, to be included therein for the purpose of conferring on the occupiers thereof the Parliamentary franchise for such borough" (and which Report has recently been laid before Parliament), it is recommended that the borough of Liverpool be extended, so as to take in and comprise a great portion of the remaining part of the township of West Derby.

That a Bill has been, or is shortly about to be, introduced into your Honourable House, adopting without alteration the said Report of the Boundary Commissioners.

That the acreage of the whole of the district of West Derby not comprised in the present borough of Liverpool is 5,529 acres, of this 644 acres (or thereabouts) is proposed by the said Report of the Boundary Commissioners to be added to the borough, and it is within this part that a very considerable number of the inhabitants of the district reside.

That many persons who have at present two votes, one for the borough, by virtue of their place of business in Liverpool, and another for the county, in respect of their residence in West Derby, would, in the event of the Parliamentary borough being extended as recommended by the said Commissioners, lose their county votes altogether, and the Act would thus, instead of extending the franchise, very materially diminish it.

That there are about 380 persons now residing in the district of West Derby who possess both a county and a borough vote, and who would, in the event of Liverpool being extended, as recommended by the Commissioners, and mentioned above, lose their county votes altogether.

That the opinion and feeling of by far the greater part of the inhabitants, not only of the whole of the district of West Derby, but especially of that portion so proposed to be incorporated with Liverpool as aforesaid, are opposed to any change of their present condition with respect to the franchise or otherwise, and most strongly object either to change the county votes to which they are now entitled for borough votes or to lose them altogether.

That the circumstances and position of the said district of West Derby are, your Petitioners submit, peculiar, and such as to warrant an exceptional consideration of the recommendation of the Boundary Commissioners, in order that the number of borough voters may not be increased by the almost entire extinction of county votes in the district.

Your Petitioners, therefore, most humbly pray that their wishes, as the persons chiefly interested in the extension of the boundary of the borough of Liverpool, so as to include any portion of their district, may receive the consideration of your Honourable House, and that so much of the Report of the Boundary Commissioners with regard to their said district, or any Bill adopting the same, may not pass into law.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

[364 Signatures.]

PETITION of the Local Board of Health for the District of *West Derby*, in the County of *Lancaster*.

The humble Petition of the Local Board of Health for the District of West Derby, in the County of Lancaster, under their common Seal,

Showeth,

THAT a Bill has been introduced into your Honourable House for carrying into effect the recommendations contained in the Report of the Boundary Commissioners appointed by "The Representation of the People Act, 1867."

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Liverpool.

That by the said Report it is proposed considerably to extend the boundaries of the borough of Liverpool, and amongst other townships it is intended to include part of the township of West Derby, being part of the district of which your Petitioners are the local authority.

That "The Public Health Act, 1848," and "The Local Government Act, 1858," were applied to the said district of West Derby in the year 1860, and your Petitioners are the local authority under such Acts in the district.

That the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses of the borough of Liverpool have presented a Petition under their common seal to your Honourable House, praying for alterations in the said Bill mentioned in the first paragraph of this Petition, and thereby seek an extension of the boundaries of the said borough of Liverpool beyond the recommendations of the Boundary Commissioners, and so as to take in (*inter alia*) a very large additional portion of the district of your Petitioners.

That the said mayor, aldermen, and burgesses desire to obtain an extension of their said borough for municipal purposes, and now seek to extend the recommendations of the Boundary Commissioners so as to take in the lands mentioned in their said Petition with a view to applying to Parliament for an extension of the boundaries of the municipal borough continuous with the enlarged Parliamentary borough.

That in their said Petition the said mayor, aldermen, and burgesses submit that a modified extension of the proposed boundary might with advantage be made by including (*inter alia*) on the east side a small additional portion of the township of West Derby, and also that such proposed addition contains 136 acres (or thereabouts), of which 63 acres (or thereabouts) belong to the corporation (meaning the Corporation of Liverpool), and upon which a portion of the waterworks of the corporation is situated; and further state that of the 73 acres (or thereabouts) not belonging to the corporation, 62 acres (or thereabouts) have been laid out for building purposes, seven acres are occupied by the Liverpool Cattle Market, and four acres (or thereabouts) are now occupied by buildings or for residential purposes, exclusive of any portion so occupied, and which has been laid out for building purposes.

That in the Session of Parliament 1867 the said mayor, aldermen, and burgesses applied to Parliament for an Act to enable them to erect and provide within the said district of your Petitioners, and on part of the said 136 acres of land which the said mayor, aldermen, and burgesses now seek to get incorporated into their said borough, slaughtering-houses for the slaughtering of cattle, horses, sheep, and swine, with buildings, works, and conveniences incidental thereto, and also sought power to prohibit slaughtering of animals in Liverpool, so as to compel all such slaughtering to be carried on in the said proposed works.

That your Petitioners presented petitions against such application of the said mayor, aldermen, and burgesses, as did also a very important and influential number of the owners, lessees, and occupiers of property in the said district of West Derby, and several other bodies and persons, and, after hearing evidence in support of the said application and against it, Parliament refused to grant the powers sought by the said mayor, aldermen, and burgesses.

That the said mayor, aldermen, and burgesses seek an extension of their said borough, as hereinbefore mentioned, as your Petitioners verily believe, for the purpose of again applying to Parliament for an Act to enable them to erect and maintain such slaughtering-houses, works, and conveniences as aforesaid, on part of the said 136 acres of land now within the district of your Petitioners; and in the event of the said land then forming part of the borough of Liverpool, as prayed by the said mayor, aldermen, and burgesses, neither your Petitioners nor any other corporation of persons will have any *locus standi* to oppose such application of the said mayor, aldermen, and burgesses, although the erection and maintenance of such slaughtering-houses, works, and conveniences would cause a most grievous nuisance to and inflict a very serious loss on the owners, lessees, and occupiers of property in the neighbourhood.

That in the event of the said borough being extended for Parliamentary purposes, by taking in any portion of your Petitioners' district, a very large number of persons will lose votes which they now possess, and it is, therefore, your Petitioners most respectfully submit, most undesirable that any extension of the borough should take place.

That a petition has already been presented to your Honourable House by your Petitioners, against any extension of the said borough for Parliamentary purposes, and a similar petition has been presented by a very large and influential body of the inhabitants, householders, and ratepayers of that portion of the township of West Derby which is not comprised in the borough of Liverpool.

That the inhabitants of the said district of West Derby are strongly opposed to any portion of their district being incorporated into the said borough of Liverpool, for either Parliamentary or municipal purposes.

That the statement in the said petition of the said mayor, aldermen, and burgesses "that the town population of the said borough is now rapidly extending beyond the extended limits proposed by the Boundary Commissioners to such an extent as will in a very few years include so much of the localities thereafter mentioned as are not devoted to park purposes," is incorrect, and likely to mislead. The buildings lately erected, and now in course of erection, are mostly private residences, and the land not yet built upon will, your Petitioners believe, be almost entirely used as sites for private residences only.

That the allegations in the said petition of the said mayor, aldermen, and burgesses are in entire contradiction to the statements made by the witnesses of the said mayor, aldermen, and



and burgesses before the Parliamentary Committee last year on the application of the said mayor, aldermen, and burgesses for powers to erect and maintain the said slaughtering-houses and works as the said mayor, aldermen, and burgesses through their said witnesses stated that the land upon which they proposed to erect the said slaughtering-houses and works, and also the surrounding land (being part of the said 136 acres) was open and unbuilt upon, and not likely to be built upon for a considerable period.

That although the situation of the said borough of Liverpool is, your Petitioners most respectfully submit, healthy, and there are no natural causes for the death-rate of the borough being in excess of that of other towns, yet the average of such death-rate is higher than any other town in the kingdom.

That, although the corporation of Liverpool are possessed of an enormous estate from which a very large revenue is derived, the taxation within the borough is most excessive.

That your Petitioners verily believe that the said mayor, aldermen, and burgesses seek for an extension of their said borough, so that their death-rate and taxation may both be extended over a larger area, and so appear to be lower than they now are.

That in the year 1855 the said corporation obtained an Act for enabling the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses of the borough of Liverpool to acquire land and for other purposes, called "The Liverpool Improvement Act, 1855," and in the year 1858 the said corporation obtained another Act, called "The Liverpool Improvement Act, 1858," whereby the said corporation was empowered to raise the sum of 130,000 £, and to levy a rate of not exceeding 2½ *d.* in the £. in any one year; and in the year 1861 the said corporation obtained another Act, called "The Liverpool Improvement Act, 1861," whereby the said corporation was empowered to raise the further sum of 130,000 £, and to levy a rate of not exceeding 2 *d.* in the £. in any one year; and in the year 1864 the said corporation obtained another Act called "The Liverpool Improvement Act, 1864," whereby the said corporation was empowered to raise the sum of 300,000 £ (increased to the sum of 450,000 £ by "The Liverpool Improvement Act, 1867,") and to levy a rate of not exceeding 4 *d.* in the £. in any one year; and in the same year of 1864 the corporation obtained another Act, called "The Liverpool Sanitary Amendment Act, 1864," whereby the said corporation was empowered to raise a further sum of 100,000 £ to increase the general rate, but not exceeding 1 *d.* in the £. in any one year, which last-mentioned Act authorises the said corporation to purchase and take down property, and is thus in effect also an Improvement Act; and in the year 1865 the said corporation obtained another Act, called "The Liverpool Improvement Act, 1865," whereby the corporation was empowered to raise the further sum of 200,000 £, and to levy a rate therefor not exceeding 2 *d.* in the £., and to raise the further sum of 500,000 £ for public parks, and levy a rate therefor of not exceeding 5 *d.* in the £. in any one year; and in the year 1867 the said corporation obtained another Act, called "The Liverpool Improvement Act, 1867," whereby the corporation was empowered to raise the further sum of 700,000 £ on mortgage of the 1867 improvement rate, and the sum of 100,000 £ on mortgage of the general rate.

That the said corporation has thus since 1858 obtained powers to raise the enormous sum of 2,310,000 £ for the improvement of the said borough, but the said corporation has not carried out all the improvements contemplated and authorised by the said several Acts.

That your Petitioners have, since the said Public Health Act and Local Government Act have been applied to their said district, very greatly and permanently improved the same, by forming new streets and widening and paving existing streets, and they have now nearly completed at very great cost an elaborate system of sewerage works for the effectual drainage of their district.

That, for the carrying out of such permanent works, your Petitioners have under the authorities conferred on them by Parliament, and, with the necessary sanction, borrowed various large sums of money on mortgage of the rates of their district, repayable with interest in 20 years and 30 years respectively, and any interference with their said district will greatly prejudice your Petitioners in repaying these debts, and also most seriously injure the securities held by their mortgagees.

That the Liverpool Cattle Market mentioned by the said mayor, aldermen, and burgesses in their petition as occupying part of the said land which the said mayor, aldermen, and burgesses seek to have incorporated into their borough, belongs to a private company, and the said corporation have no interest therein. The said Cattle Market Company pay rates to your Petitioners, which will be lost to your Petitioners if the borough of Liverpool is extended as desired by the said mayor, aldermen, and burgesses.

That your Petitioners respectfully submit that it is not desirable that any extension of the said borough of Liverpool should be made for either Parliamentary or municipal purposes.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that their interests as the representatives of the persons who would be affected by any extension of the boundary of the borough of Liverpool so as to include any portion of their district, may receive the consideration of your Honourable House, and that so much of the Report of the Boundary Commissioners and of the Boundary Bill, 1868, as affects their district may not pass into law, and that your Honourable House will be pleased to decline to sanction any extension of the borough of Liverpool, so as to include therein any portion of the district of your Petitioners for either Parliamentary or municipal purposes.

[5 Signatures.]



Liverpool.

PETITION of the Local Board of Health for the Rural District of the Extra-Parochial Place of *Toxteth Park*, in the County of *Lancaster*.

The humble Petition of the Local Board of Health for the Rural District of the Extra-Parochial place of *Toxteth Park*, in the County of *Lancaster*, under their common Seal,

Showeth,

THAT a Bill has been introduced into your Honourable House for carrying into effect the recommendations contained in the Report of the Boundary Commissioners appointed by "The Representation of the People Act, 1867."

That by the said Report it is proposed considerably to extend the boundaries of the borough of *Liverpool*, and amongst other townships adjoining the said borough it is intended to include a portion of the rural district of the said extra-parochial place of *Toxteth Park*.

That the said Report contains the following paragraph: "In proposing an extension of the existing Parliamentary limits of the borough, the Commissioners have drawn a line which will include the mass of building immediately beyond the present boundary, and will exclude the lands which is not built over nor likely to be so for some time. This line is defined generally by the railway."

That in the opinion of your Petitioners the Boundary Commissioners have selected the only defined boundary between the borough of *Liverpool* and the said rural district of *Toxteth Park* that could be adopted in justice to the owners and occupiers of property within the rural district.

That one portion of the said rural district, and which it is proposed by the said Bill to include within the borough of *Liverpool*, consists chiefly of land upon which has been erected houses bringing in small rentals, and the remainder of the land within the said rural district, and lying beyond the proposed boundary, consists partly of land unbuilt upon, and applied to agricultural purposes, and likely to continue so for some time, and partly by land upon which are erected gentlemen's villa residences with gardens.

Your Petitioners, therefore, respectfully submit that it is desirable that the boundary line recommended by the Commissioners should be adopted by your Honourable House.

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Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray your Honourable House that the said the said\* Bill may be allowed to pass as it stands, so far as it affects the proposed boundary line between the borough of *Liverpool* and the said rural district of *Toxteth Park*.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[5 Signatures

PETITION of the Local Board of Health for the District of *Wavertree*, in the County of *Lancaster*.

The humble Petition of the Local Board of Health for the District of *Wavertree*, in the County of *Lancaster*, under their common Seal,

Showeth,

THAT a Bill is now pending in your Honourable House under the above short title.

That the district of *Wavertree*, in the county palatine of *Lancaster*, is a district with a population, according to a recent computation, of 6,685, or thereabouts.

That the said Bill, under the recommendation of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Parliamentary boundaries, has for its object the extension of the boundary of the borough of *Liverpool* into parts within the said district of *Wavertree*.

That the inhabitants of the said district of *Wavertree* have no desire to be incorporated into the borough of *Liverpool*, either for municipal or Parliamentary purposes.

That under the new Reform Act about 200 of the inhabitants within that part of the said district to be effected by the said Bill, who at present possess a county and borough vote in respect of their residences and places of business, will be deprived of the county vote, and only retain the borough vote.

That the effect of the said Bill within the said district of *Wavertree* will, therefore, be to deprive about 200 inhabitants of the said district of the privilege of voting for the county, and only confer the franchise upon about 41 inhabitants who do not now possess any vote.

That the said Bill will be prejudicial to the inhabitants of the said district of *Wavertree*.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray your Honourable House that the said Bill may not pass into a law, so far as it may affect the rights and privileges of your Petitioners.

And your Petitioners will ever humbly pray, &c.

[6 Signatures.

## 3.—MEMORIALS.

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— None. —

## 4—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

PAPER put in by Mr. *Egerton*, M.P.

In Parliament.]

THE BOUNDARY BILL, 1868.

STATEMENT of FACTS in support of Petition presented to the Honourable the House of Commons by the Local Board of Health for the Rural District of Toxteth Park in favour of the above Bill.

THE Local Board of Health for the rural district of Toxteth Park decided to present a Petition in favour of the Bill as introduced into Parliament for the following reasons :

The rural district of Toxteth Park consists partly of land used for agricultural purposes, partly of gentlemen's villas, gardens and pleasure grounds, and the residue of land covered with houses producing small rentals ; and the board felt in presenting the petition that the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of settling the boundaries of boroughs had made a very judicious recommendation, and that the plan suggested by them would secure to the occupiers of the smaller property votes for the borough of Liverpool, and would preserve to the occupiers of the larger property votes for the county.

The Local Board of Health object to the alteration proposed by the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses of the borough of Liverpool, on the ground that if they should be adopted they would in their opinion interfere improperly with the rights and privileges of a considerable number of occupiers of property by depriving them of their county votes ; and amongst these occupiers they consider that any parties who may erect buildings upon the new park now being laid out, called Sefton Park, should be included.

The board also object to the proposed alterations upon the ground that from time to time considerable sums of money have been expended within their district for road-making, and sewerage purposes, and they fear that the alterations proposed by the corporation of Liverpool, extending the boundary, would cause great confusion hereafter, and hardship upon the ratepayers in the remaining portion of the district, by throwing the whole expense of the maintaining of such roads and sewers upon a comparatively small number of ratepayers, especially if, as no doubt is contemplated by the corporation of Liverpool, the municipal boundary is made co-extensive with the Parliamentary.

The board also consider it right to call the attention of the Members of the Special Committee of the House of Commons to the facts that the boundary line suggested by the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses of the borough of Liverpool will, if carried out, form a very ill-defined boundary in the portion of the rural district lying between Aigburth-road and the line of railway ; and that the great probability will be that houses may be erected upon the line and be situated partly within the borough of Liverpool and partly within the county, and thus give rise to great disputes and double claims for votes.

*Thos. Avison,*

Clerk to the Local Board of Health for the  
Rural District of Toxteth Park.

COPY of TELEGRAM, dated 20th May 1868, from Town Clerk, *Liverpool*, to  
Mr. S. R. *Graves*, M.P.

Boundary Bill margins of parks laid out on plans for erection of dwelling-houses as follows :—

Newsham Park, 330 houses ; five lots sold ; no house built at present, except judges' lodgings. Sefton Park, 316 houses. Stanley Park, 15 houses.

In Parliament Session 1868.]

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## THE BOUNDARY BILL, 1868.

TABULAR STATEMENT of Houses Assessed to the Poor Rate in that part of the District of West Derby, between the present Boundary of the Borough of Liverpool and the Boundary proposed by the Boundary Commissioners.

| NAME OF STREET.            | Under £. 12.   |                  |        | £. 12 and over. |                  |        | Inhabited House. |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------|-----------------|------------------|--------|------------------|
|                            | Male Occupier. | Female Occupier. | Empty. | Male Occupier.  | Female Occupier. | Empty. |                  |
| Lister-road - - -          | -              | -                | -      | 1               | -                | -      | 1                |
| Holly-road - - -           | -              | -                | -      | 11              | -                | 1      | 12               |
| Laurel-road - - -          | -              | -                | -      | 11              | 3                | 1      | 15               |
| Lilley-road - - -          | -              | -                | -      | 6               | -                | -      | 6                |
| Lockerby-road - - -        | -              | -                | -      | 4               | 1                | -      | 5                |
| Edge-lane - - -            | -              | -                | -      | 18              | 1                | 1      | 20               |
| Birchfield road - - -      | -              | -                | -      | 5               | -                | -      | 5                |
| Holyrood-terrace - - -     | -              | -                | -      | 9               | -                | -      | 9                |
| West Bank-road - - -       | -              | -                | -      | 5               | 3                | 1      | 9                |
| Birchfield-terrace - - -   | -              | -                | -      | 5               | 2                | -      | 7                |
| Lomond-road - - -          | -              | -                | -      | 22              | 5                | 3      | 30               |
| Lincluden terrace - - -    | -              | -                | -      | 2               | 1                | 1      | 4                |
| Grampion-road - - -        | -              | -                | -      | 4               | 1                | 13     | 18               |
| Derby-terrace - - -        | -              | -                | -      | 2               | -                | 2      | 4                |
| Clyde-road - - -           | -              | -                | -      | 7               | 1                | 7      | 15               |
| Fairfield View - - -       | -              | -                | -      | -               | 4                | -      | 4                |
| Dryden-road - - -          | -              | -                | -      | 14              | 1                | 3      | 17               |
| Milton-road - - -          | -              | -                | -      | 15              | 1                | 1      | 17               |
| Derby-buildings - - -      | -              | -                | -      | 3               | 1                | -      | 4                |
| Crossfield-terrace - - -   | -              | -                | -      | 1               | 2                | 5      | 8                |
| Binn's-road - - -          | 16             | 2                | -      | 4               | -                | -      | 22               |
| Sheil-road - - -           | -              | -                | -      | 7               | 2                | -      | 9                |
| Geneva-road - - -          | -              | -                | -      | 10              | 1                | -      | 11               |
| Swiss-road - - -           | -              | -                | -      | 6               | 2                | 1      | 9                |
| Radstock-road - - -        | -              | -                | -      | 3               | 3                | -      | 6                |
| Huntly-road - - -          | -              | -                | -      | 9               | 5                | 4      | 18               |
| Hampstead-road - - -       | -              | -                | -      | 5               | 1                | 1      | 7                |
| Prescot-road - - -         | -              | -                | -      | 31              | 8                | 4      | 43               |
| Onslow-road - - -          | -              | -                | -      | 24              | 6                | 2      | 32               |
| Rufford-road - - -         | -              | -                | -      | 2               | -                | -      | 2                |
| Balmoral-road - - -        | -              | -                | -      | 17              | 7                | -      | 24               |
| Radstock-road, Lower - - - | -              | -                | -      | 4               | 2                | -      | 6                |
| Grove-road - - -           | -              | -                | -      | 4               | 2                | 2      | 8                |
| Elm-vale - - -             | -              | -                | -      | 10              | 3                | 1      | 14               |
| Prospect-vale - - -        | -              | -                | -      | 31              | 4                | 2      | 37               |
| Fairfield-crescent - - -   | -              | -                | -      | 18              | 2                | 1      | 21               |
| Nursery-street - - -       | -              | -                | -      | 19              | 6                | -      | 25               |
| Rawlin's street - - -      | -              | -                | -      | 21              | 1                | -      | 21               |
| Holland-street - - -       | -              | -                | -      | 14              | -                | 3      | 17               |
| Freehold-street - - -      | -              | -                | -      | 17              | 3                | 2      | 22               |
| Stanley-street - - -       | -              | -                | -      | 10              | 4                | 2      | 16               |
| Cardwell-street - - -      | -              | -                | -      | 16              | 7                | 4      | 27               |
| Fairfield-street - - -     | -              | -                | 1      | 10              | 4                | 1      | 16               |
| Back Birchfield - - -      | -              | -                | -      | 3               | -                | -      | 3                |
| Boundary-lane - - -        | -              | 1                | -      | 50              | 6                | 5      | 63               |
| Whitefield-road - - -      | 1              | -                | -      | 28              | 9                | 1      | 42               |
| Norwood-grove - - -        | 4              | -                | -      | 24              | 7                | 1      | 32               |
| Whiteford-street - - -     | 39             | 4                | 1      | 2               | 1                | -      | 47               |
| Barrow-street - - -        | 23             | 1                | -      | -               | -                | -      | 24               |
| Belmont-road - - -         | -              | -                | -      | 14              | 3                | -      | 17               |
| Belmont View - - -         | -              | -                | -      | 7               | 1                | 1      | 9                |
| George's-road - - -        | -              | -                | -      | 25              | 10               | 1      | 36               |
| West Derby-road - - -      | -              | -                | -      | 62              | 8                | 2      | 72               |



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|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------|-----------------|------------------|--------|------------------|
|                         | Male Occupier. | Female Occupier. | Empty. | Male Occupier.  | Female Occupier. | Empty. |                  |
| Coburg-terrace - - -    | -              | -                | -      | 5               | 1                | -      | 6                |
| White Rock-street - - - | -              | -                | -      | 79              | 18               | 4      | 101              |
| Red Rock-street - - -   | -              | -                | -      | 91              | 13               | 4      | 108              |
| Grey Rock-street - - -  | -              | -                | -      | 103             | 27               | 3      | 133              |
| Heber-street - - -      | -              | -                | -      | 4               | -                | 1      | 5                |
| Division-street - - -   | 46             | 3                | 2      | -               | -                | -      | 51               |
| Martin-street - - -     | 31             | 4                | -      | -               | -                | -      | 35               |
| Pit-street - - -        | 26             | 3                | -      | 1               | -                | 1      | 31               |
| Ash-grove - - -         | 9              | 4                | -      | -               | -                | 1      | 14               |
| Woodbine-grove - - -    | 15             | 1                | -      | 2               | -                | -      | 18               |
| Oak Leigh-grove - - -   | 7              | 1                | -      | -               | -                | -      | 8                |
| Willow-grove - - -      | 6              | 1                | -      | -               | 1                | -      | 8                |
| Berwick-street - - -    | 3              | -                | -      | 66              | 8                | 5      | 82               |
| Berwick-square - - -    | -              | -                | -      | 7               | 2                | -      | 9                |
| Procter-street - - -    | 5              | 1                | -      | 4               | -                | -      | 10               |
| Tweed-street - - -      | -              | -                | -      | 87              | 11               | -      | 98               |
| Tue-brook - - -         | -              | -                | -      | 3               | -                | -      | 3                |
| Townsend-lane - - -     | 3              | -                | -      | 4               | 1                | -      | 8                |
| Lower Breck-road - - -  | -              | -                | -      | 3               | 1                | 5      | 9                |
| Breckside-park - - -    | -              | -                | -      | 11              | 2                | -      | 13               |
|                         | 234            | 26               | 4      | 1,121           | 230              | 103    | 1,718            |
|                         | 264            |                  |        | 1,454           |                  |        |                  |

Within that part of the District between the proposed Boundary, as recommended by the Boundary Commissioners and the extended Boundary sought by the Corporation of Liverpool.

| NAME OF STREET.    | Under £. 12.   |                  |        | £. 12 and over. |                  |        | Inhabited House. |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------|--------|-----------------|------------------|--------|------------------|
|                    | Male Occupier. | Female Occupier. | Empty. | Male Occupier.  | Female Occupier. | Empty. |                  |
| Prescot-road - - - | 14             | 5                | -      | 12              | -                | 1      | 32               |
| Leigh-stree - - -  | 26             | 2                | 5      | -               | -                | -      | 33               |
| Derby-street - - - | 5              | 1                | 6      | -               | -                | -      | 12               |
| Swan-street - - -  | 5              | -                | 7      | -               | -                | -      | 12               |
| Tue-brook - - -    | -              | -                | -      | 7               | -                | -      | 7                |
| New-road - - -     | 5              | 1                | -      | 7               | 1                | -      | 14               |
| Ivy Leigh - - -    | -              | -                | -      | 10              | 3                | -      | 13               |
| Green-lane - - -   | 3              | -                | -      | 8               | -                | 1      | 12               |
| Etna street - - -  | 32             | 9                | -      | -               | -                | -      | 41               |
|                    | 99             | 18               | 18     | 44              | 4                | 2      | 176              |
|                    | 126            |                  |        | 50              |                  |        |                  |

This statement is made up from the assessment of 1867; since then a very large number of new houses have been erected, the greater part being of 12 l. assessment and over.

### BOUNDARY BILL.

STATEMENT of Objections of the Inhabitants and Ratepayers of the Township of Bootle-cum-Linacre to the Annexation of any Portion of Bootle to the Parliamentary Borough of Liverpool.

For Select Committee.

1. THE whole of the township of Bootle-cum-Linacre which occupies an area of 1,207 acres, is, with very trifling exceptions, the freehold of the Right Honourable the Earl of Derby, whose invariable practice it is to let his lands on lease for terms of 75 years, and if the boundary of the borough of Liverpool be extended so as to include the said township, or such portion of it as recommended by the Boundary Commissioners, the provisions of the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth sections of the Act of the second year of King William the

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Fourth, chapter forty-five (which are incorporated in "The Representation of the People Act, 1867," by section fifty-nine thereof), excluding leaseholders and copyholders from the exercise of the franchise in boroughs, will operate to effect the disfranchisement of about 1,200 persons, who would by the last-mentioned Act be constituted county voters in respect of the leasehold hereditaments held by them under the said earl.

2. By reason of the very small quantity of freehold land in the said township which is not owned by the said earl, the said township which has a population of more than 20,000, cannot, under the most favourable conditions, ever contain more than 20 county voters, if the recommendation of the Boundary Commissioners with respect thereto be carried into effect.

3. The circumstances and position of the said township above detailed are peculiar, and such as to warrant an exceptional consideration of the recommendation of the Boundary Commissioners in its case, in order that the number of borough voters be not increased at the expense of the almost entire extinction of the class of county voters in the said township.

4. It is the avowed intention of the Corporation of Liverpool, to seek for an extension of their municipal boundary, so as to make the same continuous with the proposed extended Parliamentary boundary.

5. Nearly the whole population of the township of Bootle is averse to being included in the Parliamentary borough of Liverpool, and if Parliament were to sanction the proposed annexation, it would be a ground for the Corporation of Liverpool to obtain Parliamentary powers to include the said township within their municipal districts, the consequence of which would be to increase the present rates of Bootle from 3 s. 8 d. to about 7 s. in the pound, without any corresponding benefit, as the heavy rates of Liverpool go to pay for improvements, which the inhabitants of Bootle would not participate in.

6. A petition to Her Majesty in Council, for the grant of a charter of incorporation to the said township of Bootle, has been prepared and signed by ratepayers, representing property of the annual value of 40,000 £, out of a rateable value of 55,000 £ in the whole township, which petition will be duly presented to Her Majesty in a few days; and if Parliament should annex Bootle to the Parliamentary borough of Liverpool, it would operate prejudicially to the granting of such charter.

7. In the month of March last a petition from the Highway Board of the township of Bootle (who are local authorities of Bootle,) was presented to the House of Commons, against the Report of the Boundary Commissioners, praying that the recommendation of the Boundary Commissioners with regard to Bootle-cum-Linacre should not pass into law, and that the Petitioners might be heard by their counsel, agents, and witnesses against the adoption of such of the clauses of the said Report as relate to the said township.

Dated this 19th day of May 1868.

### BOUNDARY BILL, 1868.

STATEMENT showing the effect upon the County and Borough Franchise of the Extension of the Boundary proposed by the Council.

| NAME OF<br>TOWNSHIP. | Assessments<br>of 12 l. and<br>upwards<br>in the<br>Commis-<br>sioners'<br>Boundary. | Assessments<br>of 12 l. and<br>upwards in<br>the proposed<br>Corporation<br>Boundary. | Total Number<br>of<br>Assessments in |                          | Number of present County Voters<br>who would be Disfranchised<br>if the Boundary be extended. |                         |                        |                                     | Number to<br>be deducted<br>who would<br>not be Dis-<br>franchised<br>by reason of<br>their having<br>Qualifications<br>in other<br>Townships. | Number of<br>additional<br>Borough<br>Votes which<br>would be<br>created<br>under New<br>Act if<br>Boundary<br>extended. |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                      |                                                                                      |                                                                                       | Commis-<br>sioners'<br>Boundary.     | Corporation<br>Boundary. | Freeholders,<br>40 s.                                                                         | Lease-<br>holders, 5 l. | Copy-<br>holders, 5 l. | Occupiers,<br>50 l. and<br>upwards. |                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                          |
| Toxteth Park - - -   | 371                                                                                  | 123                                                                                   | 371                                  | 237                      | 33                                                                                            | -                       | -                      | 34                                  | 9                                                                                                                                              | 608                                                                                                                      |
| West Derby - - -     | 1,454                                                                                | 50                                                                                    | 1,718                                | 176                      | 38                                                                                            | -                       | 15                     | 38                                  | 6                                                                                                                                              | 1,894                                                                                                                    |
| Walton - - -         | 76                                                                                   | 21                                                                                    | 76                                   | 22                       | 6                                                                                             | -                       | -                      | 11                                  | 2                                                                                                                                              | 98                                                                                                                       |

Note.—The alterations are made so as to make the statement correspond with the amendment to be moved by Mr. Horsfall.

PAPER received from the Boundary Commissioners.

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To the Honourable the Boundary Commissioners.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Bootle, February 1868.

I AM directed by the Highway Board of the township of Bootle-cum-Linacre to forward you the following resolution passed by the board, and their reasons for such resolution :—

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this board, also a majority of the ratepayers of this township, that the Parliamentary boundary of the Borough of Liverpool should not be extended so as to include any part of the township of Bootle-cum-Linacre, for the following reasons :—

1st. With the exception of a very small portion the whole of the township is owned by the Earl of Derby, and the same being leasehold, it will disfranchise about 1,200 county voters, if the Parliamentary boundary is extended to include the township.

2nd. If the township, which occupies an area of 1,207 acres, is included in the Parliamentary boundary, it cannot or ever will be able to give above 20 county votes; and a petition signed by 1,641 ratepayers having been presented to the Deputy Boundary Commissioners when at Liverpool, will, I have no doubt, receive your consideration.

I am, &c.  
(signed) *William Molyneux*, Chairman.

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### BOROUGH OF LIVERPOOL.

#### BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

REPORT of the General and Parliamentary Committee pursuant to Resolution of the Council of the 2nd day of October 1867.

At a Meeting of the General and Parliamentary Committee held on Friday, the 4th day of October 1867.

Present :—S. G. Rathbone, Esq., Chairman, &c.

Resolved, That the Report pursuant to a resolution of the council passed on the 2nd day of October 1867, directing that the recommendations of the General and Parliamentary Committee, Nos. 1 and 2, should be referred back to that Committee for further consideration, with instructions to report thereon at a special meeting of the council, be approved and adopted and presented to the special meeting of the council on Wednesday next.

Extracted from the Proceedings.

(signed) *Joseph Rayner*, Town Clerk.

REPORT, pursuant to a resolution of the Council, passed on the 2nd day of October 1867, that the recommendations of the General and Parliamentary Committee, Nos. 1 and 2, should be referred back to that Committee for further consideration, with instructions to report thereon, at a special meeting of the Council, which the Mayor is requested to summon for Wednesday, the 9th day of October instant, at 11 o'clock.

1. The duties of the Commissioners, prescribed by section 48 of the "Representation of the People Act, 1867," so far as this borough is concerned, are to enquire into the boundaries, with a view to ascertain whether they should be enlarged, so as to include within the limits of the borough all premises which ought, due regard being had to situation or other local circumstances, to be included therein, for the purpose of conferring upon the occupiers thereof the Parliamentary franchise for such borough.

2. By the same section, the Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners are required to give notice by public advertisement of their intention to visit the borough, and to appoint a time for receiving the statements of any persons who may be desirous of giving information as to the boundaries or other local circumstances; and the Commissioners or Assistant Commissioners are required, by personal inspection and such other means as the Commissioners think necessary, to possess themselves of such information as will enable the Commissioners to report as therein mentioned.

3. The duties of the Commissioners are therefore limited to an inquiry for the purposes of the Parliamentary franchise; but as they are directed to have regard to situation, or other local circumstances, the subject referred to your Committee appears to comprise three distinct questions :—

I. The Imperial question as to the principle which should regulate the boundaries of boroughs for the purposes of Parliamentary elections.



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II. Whether it is desirable that the boundaries of the Parliamentary and Municipal borough should be the same.

III. Whether, with a view to the possibility of Parliament passing an Act to make the boundaries of boroughs generally, or of this borough in particular, for municipal purposes, identical with the boundaries for Parliamentary purposes, it is desirable to indicate to the Commissioners the municipal boundaries which the council consider it would be desirable to adopt for this borough.

4. With reference to the first question, your Committee are of opinion that it is desirable the Parliamentary boundaries should include those localities which may be said to form part of Liverpool, by reason of the close identity of interests existing between their inhabitants and those of the present borough; and the district embraced within the boundaries shown upon the plan accompanying this Report, and described in the Appendix, appears to comprise, as far as practicable, the places which comes within this category.

5. The council will, of course, give directions to lay before the Commissioners all the statistical and other information in the possession of the council and their officers which the Commissioners may require.

6. With reference to the second question, your Committee doubt very much whether Parliament will consider in connection with the limits for Parliamentary boroughs, the question whether it is desirable to make the limits of boroughs for Parliamentary purposes and for municipal purposes identical; but as the subjects have some connection, and as the municipal question may follow the Parliamentary one, the Committee consider that it would not be out of place for the council to give the Commissioners their opinion upon this subject.

7. Your Committee consider that uniformity of boundaries for both purposes is attended with many advantages. In the first place, in the event of local legislation, and in connection with Parliamentary matters generally, it is desirable that the borough Members should represent the whole of the inhabitants of the municipal borough, exclusively of those whose interests or views may be antagonistic. If the boundaries be identical, more united action would also be secured, and the position of the borough strengthened and improved.

8. It may also be observed, that as there is now so little difference between the qualifications of municipal voters and Parliamentary voters, it is not improbable that the two franchises may be entirely assimilated, so that the burgess roll and the Parliamentary list may be the same, which would effect a great saving of time and expense, and tend to keep the register more free from error.

9. It is also desirable that the Borough Justices and the Court of Quarter Sessions for the borough, should have exclusive jurisdiction over all questions and offences arising within the Parliamentary borough.

10. As, therefore, it is desirable that the municipal and Parliamentary boroughs should be conterminous, your Committee have come to the conclusion that the enlarged Parliamentary boundaries should be such that in the event of an extension of the municipal limits, the boundary line now to be fixed would form a convenient municipal boundary.

11. In considering the third question, your Committee have come to the conclusion that the boundary line already defined would be the most convenient boundary for municipal, as well as Parliamentary purposes, and they beg to submit the following reasons in support of this opinion:—

(1.) The district is becoming thickly populated in direct connection with and continuation of the borough, so as to form one town.

(2.) The interests of the inhabitants in the districts proposed to be added to the present limits are closely bound up with those of the inhabitants of the present borough, many of the former carrying on their professions and businesses in Liverpool, and the value of land and houses being chiefly dependant upon the prosperity of the town.

(3.) It does not include any considerable area of purely agricultural land, the ground not actually built upon being chiefly occupied along with the residences of inhabitants whose places of business are in Liverpool.

(4.) It comprises the whole of the docks, a considerable portion of which is now beyond the limits of the borough.

(5.) It includes the Sefton, Newsham, and Stanley Parks, belonging to the corporation, a considerable portion of which is intended to be offered as villa sites, and will, no doubt, shortly be occupied with buildings.

(6.) It also includes the borough gaol, and the cattle market which supplies Liverpool; and with reference to the latter, great inconvenience and anomalies have arisen during the cattle plague, and still continue to exist by reason of its not being under the jurisdiction of the municipal authorities.

(7.) The drainage area of the district is interfered with by the present boundaries, and no sufficient provision can be made for the uniform regulation of the sewerage, police, and

and other matters of municipal government in the district proposed to be included, except by its being comprised within the municipal borough.

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(8.) The whole district is already comprised within the district of water and gas supply, under the Corporation Water Acts and the Liverpool Gas Acts.

12. In conclusion, your Committee would recommend that a copy of this report, as confirmed or amended by the council, be sent to the Commissioners; and a deputation from the council, composed of members favourable to the opinions it contains, with the town clerk, borough engineer, and architect and surveyor, be appointed to wait upon the Commissioners to offer any further information they may desire.

Town-hall, Liverpool,  
4 October 1867.

(signed) *S. G. Rathbone*, Chairman.

#### APPENDIX TO THE FOREGOING REPORT.

The proposed limits of the borough would include and be circumscribed by the boundaries following:—

From that part of the south-western extremity of the boundary line of the townships of Toxteth Park and Garston, where it joins the river Mersey; thence northwardly along the river Mersey to that point of the river Mersey where the boundary line between the townships of Bootle-cum-Linacre and Litherland joins the said river; thence eastwardly along the said boundary line to the point where it joins the boundary line between the townships of Bootle-cum-Linacre and Orrell, otherwise Orrell with Ford; thence in the same direction along the said boundary till it joins the boundary between the township of Walton and the said Orrell; thence along the said boundary till it joins the boundary of the townships of Walton and Sefton; thence along the said boundary till it joins the boundary between the townships of Walton and Aintree; thence in the same direction along the said boundary till it meets the boundary between the townships of Walton and Fazakerley; thence southwardly along the last-mentioned boundary, continuing westwardly along the same boundary to its junction with Long-lane, in the township of Fazakerley; thence in a southwardly direction along Long-lane, in the same township, to the point where it joins Strawberry-lane; thence along Strawberry-lane aforesaid to its junction with Broad-lane, in the township of West Derby; thence in a south-eastwardly direction along Broad-lane and the public highway called Almond's-green, until the last-mentioned highway meets Town-row, near St. Mary's Church, West Derby; thence in the same direction along Town-row to Honey Green-lane; thence westwardly along Honey Green-lane to its junction with Knotty Ash-lane; thence in a south-eastwardly direction along Knotty Ash-lane to its junction with the Prescott, Ashton, and Warrington turnpike road; thence along the said turnpike road in a westwardly direction to where the road meets Petticoat-lane; thence in a south-westwardly direction along Petticoat-lane to its junction with Broad Green-lane; thence in a southwardly direction along the said lane and Lime Kiln-lane, in the line of the boundary between the townships of Childwall and Wavertree, to the point where Lime Kiln-lane, Moss Pitts-lane, and Priory-lane meet; thence continuing southwardly along the said boundary to its junction with the boundary of the township of Little Woolton; thence westwardly along the boundary between Wavertree and Little Woolton to its junction with the boundary between the townships of Wavertree aforesaid and Allerton; and thence in the same direction along the said boundary till it meets the said boundary between the townships of Wavertree aforesaid and Garston; thence along the said boundary to its junction with the boundary between the townships of Toxteth Park and Garston; and thence in the same westwardly direction along the last-mentioned boundary to the point first described.

The above boundary is identical with that proposed by a Bill introduced by the Council into Parliament in 1856, and includes on the north the townships of Bootle and Walton; on the south the portion of Toxteth Park, not now within the borough; and on the east the whole of Wavertree, and portions of Fazakerley and West Derby.

#### Boundary Commission.

Gentlemen,

Town-hall, Liverpool,  
14 October 1867.

WITH reference to the question of boundary raised by the Dock Board, upon which it was arranged that the parties interested should make a written communication, I have nothing further to add on behalf of the Council beyond stating that as the rating question only applies to property between high and low-water mark, the fixing of the boundary line in the centre of the river would perhaps be more acceptable to the Dock Board than low-



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water mark, although I do not see that the adoption of either line can by any possibility prejudice the question of rating.

The retention of high-water mark is very objectionable as it prevents the acquisition of the franchise in respect of a large area of very valuable property.

I beg to hand you herewith a second copy of the plan showing this line, also the corporation property, and the modified line towards the east suggested by me in reply.

To Lieut. Col. C. G. Gordon, R.E., C.B.,  
and Patrick Cumin, Esq., Barrister-at-Law.

I have, &c.,  
(signed) *Joseph Rayner*,  
Town Clerk.

P.S.—I also beg to hand you a modern plan of the borough from actual survey.

#### BOROUGH OF LIVERPOOL.

STATEMENT submitted to the Boundary Commissioners for England and Wales by the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Liverpool*, pursuant to Directions given by Lieutenant-Colonel *Gordon*, R.E., C.B., and *Patrick Cumin*, Esq., two of the Assistant Commissioners.

THAT prior to the passing of the Boundary Act of 1832 (2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 64) the borough, both Parliamentary and municipal, and the parish of Liverpool were co-extensive.

That by that Act the limits of the borough for Parliamentary purposes were enlarged so as to include the whole of the townships of Kirkdale and Everton and portions of the townships of West Derby and Toxteth Park; and that by the Municipal Corporation Act of 1835 (5 & 6 Will. 4, c. 76) the municipal borough was extended to the same limits.

That the said Boundary Act of 1832 defines the western boundary of the Parliamentary borough of Liverpool to be along the high-water mark of the river Mersey.

That grounds exist for believing that by "high water-mark" was intended the then face of the river wall, so far as the strand or shore had at that time been enclosed. These grounds are: first, that in the plans attached to the Report of the Commissioners appointed to report and advise upon the boundaries and wards of certain boroughs and corporate towns (Parliamentary Paper 238, 1837), the western boundary of the Parliamentary borough is shown to be the line of the river wall; and second, that in the division of the borough into wards, the ward boundaries are, by the Order in Council, carried between certain of the docks to the face of the river wall.

That in the preparation of the list of voters this line has hitherto been considered the boundary of the Parliamentary borough.

That it has recently been contended (in a rating case now before the courts) that "the high-water mark of the river Mersey" is legally that line which the high-water of a medium tide would leave upon the shore were there no artificial obstructions to the free flow of the water.

That as the river wall forms such an obstruction, and as it is an undeniable fact that large portions of the shore formerly covered at every tide have at successive periods been enclosed and used for commercial purposes (such as lines of warehouses, docks, shipbuilding yards, &c.), it follows, if this definition be upheld, that "the high-water mark of the river" lies considerably inland of the line which has hitherto been considered (and which the overseers believe was also intended to be) the western boundary of the Parliamentary borough.

That in the space intervening between these lines (*i.e.*, the legal high-water mark and the line of the river wall) there are a large number of occupations in respect of which the franchise has been obtained.

That as a judgment of one of the superior courts affirming this construction of the expression "high-water mark" would result in the disfranchisement of many persons now upon the register of voters, the overseers respectfully urge that in any future legislation respecting the boundaries of this borough, the western boundary, for the purpose of Parliamentary representation, should be more definitely stated than it has hitherto been; and they would submit that the adoption of the recommendation of the town council to place the boundary in the middle of the river will secure this object.

The overseers would further submit that the adoption of this suggestion cannot in any way affect the pending litigation, which simply raises the question as to the river boundary for rating purposes of the different parishes and townships in the neighbourhood of Liverpool.



## BOROUGH OF LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool.

STATEMENT of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board respecting the Extension suggested by the Corporation of the Western Boundary of the Borough.

1. THE present western boundary of the borough of Liverpool, as defined by Statute 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 64, Schedule O, No. 19, is the high-water mark of the river Mersey.
2. The Corporation of Liverpool by the scheme submitted to the Assistant Boundary Commissioners at the recent investigation at Liverpool, propose that the future boundary shall be the middle line of the river Mersey. The words used by the corporation are "the river Mersey," and these words by virtue of Section 7 of the 3 Will. 4, c. 64, would be interpreted to mean the middle line of the river.
3. The foreshore of the river Mersey, lying between high and low-water mark in front of the present borough of Liverpool, is occupied almost exclusively by the public docks, which are vested in the board by "The Mersey Docks and Harbour Act, 1867" (20 & 21 Vict. c. 162, local).
4. The Mersey Docks and Harbour Board in the interests of the manufacturing districts of Lancashire and Yorkshire, strongly object to the proposed extension of the western boundary of the borough, and submit to the Boundary Commissioners that the corporation have made out no case in accordance with either the spirit or the letter of the 30 & 31 Vict. c. 102, in favour of the suggested enlargement.
5. It is obvious, on the face of the Act, that the Legislature intended the present borough boundaries to be extended in those instances only in which there are occupiers of premises adjacent to the present boundaries, who, from local circumstances, are fully entitled to have the Parliamentary franchise for the borough conferred upon them.
6. This enactment is wholly inapplicable to the proposed extension of the borough of Liverpool westwards. There are no occupiers of the great system of public docks vested in the board, and the only effect of the proposed extension so far as regards the Parliamentary franchise, would be to confer votes on about 14 servants of the board, and about a dozen small tenants. The trifling portions of the foreshore not included in the dock estate (excluding those in the actual possession of the corporation and the dock belonging to the trustees of the late Duke of Bridgewater), consist mainly of a few timber and ship-building yards, the occupiers of which generally have other qualifications as borough voters.
7. The real object in view in the effort to get the western boundary of the borough extended, was frankly avowed by the town clerk at the hearing before the Assistant Commissioners, and by the members of the town council at their previous meeting. This object is to pave the way for a further application to make the municipal boundary co-extensive with the Parliamentary boundary if enlarged as proposed, and thus to cast upon the general commerce of the port a large proportion of the local burdens of Liverpool by means of rates upon the docks at present without the borough. And when it is considered that the commerce of the Mersey is, as regards the port of Liverpool, entirely a transit trade, the imports and exports simply passing through the docks to and from the manufacturing districts of Lancashire and Yorkshire, the unfairness of laying what would be a direct tax upon the manufacturers in those districts for the benefit of the inhabitants of Liverpool is manifest; and the amount is very serious. The parochial authorities of Liverpool are now claiming from the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board the sum of 120,000 £. and upwards for arrears of poor rates alone. This is exclusive of the borough rates.
8. It was stated at the hearing at Liverpool by the assistant overseer of the parish (and his statement was to some extent adopted by the town clerk), that if the Court of Queen's Bench decide that the ancient line of high-water mark is the true western boundary of the borough, the area of the Old Pool would be excluded from the borough, and if so, a considerable number of the present voters would be disfranchised. No such objection has ever been suggested before the revising barrister, and for the very sufficient reason that it would be wholly untenable. It is settled law (*see* the Judges' opinion in *Gifford v. Lord Yarborough* in the House of Lords, reported 5 Bing. 163), that the land formed by alluvion of the sea, imperceptible in progress, became part of the borough. The docks constitute the only land formed directly by the hand of man, and therefore the question now pending before the courts whether the term "high-water mark" in the Boundary Act of 1832, means the legal or the actual line of high-water mark at that date, affects nothing beyond the docks then constructed.
9. It would, on another ground, be most incongruous to carry the boundary of the borough of Liverpool below high-water mark. The Court of Queen's Bench have already adjudicated that the boundary of the adjacent township of Bootle is high-water mark, and that the docks of the board on the foreshore in that district are, therefore, not within the township. And the assessment committee of the West Derby Union have lately amended the valuation list for the township of Kirkdale as regards the docks of the board in front of that township, by striking out therefrom all the docks and quays of the board lying below high-water mark, so that the legal line of high-water mark is now the admitted boundary of two townships lying immediately northward of the parish of Liverpool.

## PAPERS put in by Mr. C. Turner, M.P.

## (NEW PROPERTIES.)

SUPPLEMENTARY VALUATION LIST for the Township of *West Derby*, in the County of *Lancaster*, Rural District, 1868.

| Street Number. | Name of Occupier.        | Name of Owner.     | Description of Property. | Name or Situation of Property. | Estimated Extent. | Gross Estimated Rental. | Rateable Value. |
|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
|                |                          | Lister Road.       |                          |                                | A. R. P.          | £. s. d.                | £. s. d.        |
|                |                          | Martin, Robert -   | House and shop -         | Lister Road -                  | -                 | 70 - -                  | 60 - -          |
|                |                          |                    | House -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 35 - -                  | 30 - -          |
|                |                          |                    | Ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 35 - -                  | 30 - -          |
|                |                          |                    | Ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 35 - -                  | 30 - -          |
|                |                          |                    | Ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 35 - -                  | 30 - -          |
|                |                          | Grampian Road.     |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
|                | Shaw, Richard -          | Fraser, B. B. -    | House -                  | Grampian Road -                | -                 | 16 - -                  | 14 - -          |
|                |                          | Ditto -            | ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 16 - -                  | 14 - -          |
|                |                          | Ditto -            | ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 16 - -                  | 14 - -          |
|                |                          | Ditto -            | ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 16 - -                  | 14 - -          |
|                | Pales, Robert, and Grem. | Ditto -            | ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 16 - -                  | 14 - -          |
|                |                          | Ditto -            | ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 16 - -                  | 14 - -          |
|                |                          | Ditto -            | ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 16 - -                  | 14 - -          |
|                |                          | Dryden Road.       |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
|                |                          | Humphreys, Richard | House -                  | Dryden Road -                  | -                 | 35 - -                  | 30 - -          |
|                |                          | Ditto -            | ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 35 - -                  | 30 - -          |
|                |                          | Ditto -            | ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 35 - -                  | 30 - -          |
|                |                          | Ditto -            | ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 35 - -                  | 30 - -          |
|                |                          | Crossfield Road.   |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
| 18             | -                        | Byrne -            | House -                  | Crossfield Road -              | -                 | 20 - -                  | 17 - -          |
| 20             | -                        | Ditto -            | ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 20 - -                  | 17 - -          |
| 22             | -                        | Ditto -            | ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 20 - -                  | 17 - -          |
| 24             | -                        | Ditto -            | ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 20 - -                  | 17 - -          |
| 26             | -                        | Ditto -            | ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 20 - -                  | 17 - -          |
| 28             | -                        | Ditto -            | ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 20 - -                  | 17 - -          |
|                |                          | Rock Mount.        |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
|                | Hoult, John -            | Hoult, John -      | House and garden -       | Rock Mount -                   | -                 | 40 - -                  | 34 - -          |
|                |                          | Geneva Road.       |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
| 11             | Clarence, Elizabeth -    | -                  | House -                  | Geneva Road -                  | -                 | 45 - -                  | 38 - -          |
| 13             | Smith, Alfred -          | -                  | ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 55 - -                  | 47 - -          |
| 15             | -                        | -                  | ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 55 - -                  | 47 - -          |
| 17             | -                        | -                  | ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 51 - -                  | 44 - -          |
| 16             | Radcliffe, Samuel        | -                  | ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 66 - -                  | 56 - -          |
| 14             | Braghn, Joseph -         | -                  | ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 63 - -                  | 54 - -          |
|                |                          | Swiss Road.        |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
| 9              | -                        | -                  | House -                  | Swiss Road -                   | -                 | 45 - -                  | 38 - -          |
|                |                          | Radstock Road.     |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
|                |                          |                    | House -                  | Radstock Road -                | -                 | 53 - -                  | 45 - -          |
|                |                          | Huntley Road.      |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
| 25             | -                        | -                  | House -                  | Huntley Road -                 | -                 | 53 - -                  | 45 - -          |
| 27             | -                        | -                  | Ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 53 - -                  | 45 - -          |
| 29             | -                        | -                  | Ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 53 - -                  | 45 - -          |
| 31             | -                        | -                  | Ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 53 - -                  | 45 - -          |
| 33             | -                        | -                  | Ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 53 - -                  | 45 - -          |
| 35             | -                        | -                  | Ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 53 - -                  | 45 - -          |
|                |                          | Hampstead Road.    |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
| 13             | M'Ginnell, D. -          | Cruise -           | House and garden -       | Hampstead Road -               | -                 | 55 - -                  | 47 - -          |
| 4              | -                        | -                  | Ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 45 - -                  | 37 - -          |
| 6              | -                        | -                  | Ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 45 - -                  | 37 - -          |
| 8              | -                        | -                  | Ditto -                  | ditto -                        | -                 | 45 - -                  | 37 - -          |
|                |                          | Prescot Road.      |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
|                |                          |                    | House and shop -         | Prescot Road -                 | -                 | 30 - -                  | 26 - -          |

SUPPLEMENTARY VALUATION LIST for the Township of *West Derby*, in the County of *Lancaster*, &c.—continued.

| Street Number. | Name of Occupier.      | Name of Owner.          | Description of Property. | Name or Situation of Property. | Estimated Extent. | Gross Estimated Rental. | Rateable Value. |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
|                |                        | Onslow Road.            |                          |                                | A. R. P.          | £. s. d.                | £. s. d.        |
| 32             | - - - - -              | Cooper, J. R. - - -     | House - - - -            | Onslow Road - - -              | - - -             | 50 - -                  | 43 - -          |
| 34             | Claxton, Richard - -   | - - - - -               | ditto - - - -            | ditto - - - -                  | - - -             | 50 - -                  | 43 - -          |
| 36             | - - - - -              | - - - - -               | Ditto - - - -            | ditto - - - -                  | - - -             | 50 - -                  | 43 - -          |
| 40             | - - - - -              | - - - - -               | Ditto - - - -            | ditto - - - -                  | - - -             | 50 - -                  | 43 - -          |
| 42             | - - - - -              | - - - - -               | Ditto - - - -            | ditto - - - -                  | - - -             | 50 - -                  | 43 - -          |
|                |                        |                         | Ditto - - - -            | ditto - - - -                  | - - -             | 50 - -                  | 43 - -          |
|                |                        | Rufford Road.           |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
| 3              | Hill, George - - -     | Crope, William - - -    | House - - - -            | Rufford Road - - -             | - - -             | 45 - -                  | 37 - -          |
| 5              | William, Caroline - -  | - - - - -               | ditto - - - -            | ditto - - - -                  | - - -             | 45 - -                  | 37 - -          |
| 11             | - - - - -              | - - - - -               | ditto - - - -            | ditto - - - -                  | - - -             | 50 - -                  | 43 - -          |
| 13             | M'Whatty, Duncan - -   | - - - - -               | ditto - - - -            | ditto - - - -                  | - - -             | 50 - -                  | 43 - -          |
|                |                        | Prescot Road.           |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
|                | Oliphant Bros. - - -   | - - - - -               | House and shop - -       | Prescot Road - - -             | - - -             | 45 - -                  | 37 - -          |
|                |                        |                         | Ditto - - - -            | ditto - - - -                  | - - -             | 38 - -                  | 33 - -          |
|                |                        |                         | Ditto - - - -            | ditto - - - -                  | - - -             | 38 - -                  | 33 - -          |
|                |                        | Balmoral Road.          |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
| 32             | Zider, Albert - - -    | Cruise - - - - -        | House - - - -            | Balmoral Road - - -            | - - -             | 80 - -                  | 68 - -          |
| 34             | Thompson, James - -    | ditto - - - - -         | ditto - - - -            | ditto - - - -                  | - - -             | 80 - -                  | 68 - -          |
| 36             | Graham, Rev. John - -  | ditto - - - - -         | ditto - - - -            | ditto - - - -                  | - - -             | 55 - -                  | 47 - -          |
| 38             | Pearson, James - - -   | ditto - - - - -         | ditto - - - -            | ditto - - - -                  | - - -             | 50 - -                  | 49 - -          |
| 70             | Turner, Daniel - - -   | ditto - - - - -         | ditto - - - -            | ditto - - - -                  | - - -             | 70 - -                  | 60 - -          |
|                |                        | Fairfield Crescent.     |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
|                | Cartmel, John - - -    | Quilian, Samuel - -     | House - - - -            | Fairfield Crescent -           | - - -             | 40 - -                  | 34 - -          |
|                |                        |                         |                          |                                | - - -             | 40 - -                  | 34 - -          |
|                |                        | Holland Street.         |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
| 4              | Smith, Thomas - - -    | Rimmer, Mr. - - -       | House - - - -            | Cardwell Street - -            | - - -             | 32 - -                  | 27 - -          |
| 6              | Howarth, Benjamin - -  | ditto - - - - -         | ditto - - - -            | ditto - - - -                  | - - -             | 30 - -                  | 26 - -          |
| 13             | Stewart, Charles - - - | Burns, Mr. - - -        | ditto - - - -            | ditto - - - -                  | - - -             | 26 - -                  | 23 - -          |
| 14             | Mercer, Joseph - - -   | Mercer, Joseph - - -    | ditto - - - -            | ditto - - - -                  | - - -             | 30 - -                  | 26 - -          |
|                |                        | Stanley Street.         |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
|                |                        |                         | House - - - -            | Stanley Street - - -           | - - -             | 30 - -                  | 26 - -          |
|                |                        |                         |                          |                                | - - -             | 30 - -                  | 26 - -          |
|                |                        |                         |                          |                                | - - -             | 30 - -                  | 26 - -          |
|                |                        | Cardwell Street.        |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
| 28             | Martin, James - - -    | Raby, Frederick - - -   | House - - - -            | Cardwell Street - -            | - - -             | 28 - -                  | 24 - -          |
| 30             | Raby, Frederick - - -  | - - - - -               | ditto - - - -            | ditto - - - -                  | - - -             | 28 - -                  | 24 - -          |
| 32             | Heywood, Henry - - -   | - - - - -               | ditto - - - -            | ditto - - - -                  | - - -             | 28 - -                  | 24 - -          |
| 34             | Lamplin - - - - -      | - - - - -               | ditto - - - -            | ditto - - - -                  | - - -             | 28 - -                  | 24 - -          |
|                |                        | Prescot Road (Stanley). |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
|                |                        |                         | House and shop - -       | Prescot Road - - -             | - - -             | 24 - -                  | 21 - -          |
|                |                        |                         | Ditto - - - -            | ditto - - - -                  | - - -             | 24 - -                  | 21 - -          |
|                |                        |                         | Ditto - - - -            | ditto - - - -                  | - - -             | 24 - -                  | 21 - -          |
|                |                        |                         | Ditto - - - -            | ditto - - - -                  | - - -             | 24 - -                  | 21 - -          |
|                |                        | Swan Street.            |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
|                | Brown, Theophilus - -  | Cottage - - - -         | Swan Street - - -        | - - -                          | - - -             | 8 - -                   | 6 - -           |
|                |                        | ditto - - - -           | ditto - - - -            | - - -                          | - - -             | 8 - -                   | 6 - -           |
|                |                        | ditto - - - -           | ditto - - - -            | - - -                          | - - -             | 8 - -                   | 6 - -           |
|                |                        | ditto - - - -           | ditto - - - -            | - - -                          | - - -             | 8 - -                   | 6 - -           |
|                |                        | ditto - - - -           | ditto - - - -            | - - -                          | - - -             | 8 - -                   | 6 - -           |
|                |                        | ditto - - - -           | ditto - - - -            | - - -                          | - - -             | 8 - -                   | 6 - -           |
|                |                        | ditto - - - -           | ditto - - - -            | - - -                          | - - -             | 8 - -                   | 6 - -           |
|                |                        | ditto - - - -           | ditto - - - -            | - - -                          | - - -             | 8 - -                   | 6 - -           |
|                |                        | ditto - - - -           | ditto - - - -            | - - -                          | - - -             | 8 - -                   | 6 - -           |
|                |                        | Norwood Grove.          |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
|                | Dalton, John - - -     | House - - - -           | Norwood Grove - -        | - - -                          | - - -             | 50 - -                  | 43 - -          |
|                |                        | Ditto - - - -           | ditto - - - -            | - - -                          | - - -             | 50 - -                  | 43 - -          |
|                |                        | Ditto - - - -           | ditto - - - -            | - - -                          | - - -             | 50 - -                  | 43 - -          |
|                |                        | Ditto - - - -           | ditto - - - -            | - - -                          | - - -             | 50 - -                  | 43 - -          |
|                |                        | Ditto - - - -           | ditto - - - -            | - - -                          | - - -             | 50 - -                  | 43 - -          |
|                |                        | Ditto - - - -           | ditto - - - -            | - - -                          | - - -             | 50 - -                  | 43 - -          |
|                |                        | Ditto - - - -           | ditto - - - -            | - - -                          | - - -             | 50 - -                  | 43 - -          |
|                |                        | Ditto - - - -           | ditto - - - -            | - - -                          | - - -             | 50 - -                  | 43 - -          |





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SUPPLEMENTARY VALUATION LIST for the Township of *West Derby*, in the County of *Lancaster*, &c.—*continued*.

| Street Number.                         | Name of Occupier.      | Name of Owner.      | Description of Property. | Name or Situation of Property. | Estimated Extent. | Gross Estimated Rental. | Rateable Value. |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Victoria Road—<i>continued</i>.</b> |                        |                     |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
|                                        |                        | Birkenhead Land Co. | House - - -              | Victoria Road - -              | A. R. P.          | £. s. d.                | £. s. d.        |
|                                        |                        | Ditto - - -         | ditto - - -              | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 30 - -                  | 26 - -          |
|                                        |                        | Ditto - - -         | ditto - - -              | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 30 - -                  | 26 - -          |
|                                        |                        | Ditto - - -         | ditto - - -              | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 34 - -                  | 29 - -          |
|                                        | Adam, Robert - -       | Ditto - - -         | ditto - - -              | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 34 - -                  | 29 - -          |
|                                        | Shaw, William - -      | Ditto - - -         | ditto - - -              | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 34 - -                  | 29 - -          |
|                                        | Oates, Margaret - -    | Ditto - - -         | ditto - - -              | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 35 - -                  | 30 - -          |
|                                        | Hall, Richard - -      | Ditto - - -         | ditto - - -              | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 45 - -                  | 38 - -          |
|                                        |                        | Ditto - - -         | ditto - - -              | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 25 - -                  | 22 - -          |
|                                        |                        | Ditto - - -         | ditto - - -              | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 25 - -                  | 22 - -          |
|                                        |                        | Ditto - - -         | ditto - - -              | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 25 - -                  | 22 - -          |
|                                        |                        | Ditto - - -         | ditto - - -              | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 25 - -                  | 22 - -          |
| <b>Bridge Street.</b>                  |                        |                     |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
|                                        |                        | Birkenhead Land Co. | House - - -              | Bridge Street - -              | - - -             | 30 - -                  | 26 - -          |
|                                        |                        | Ditto - - -         | ditto - - -              | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 30 - -                  | 26 - -          |
|                                        |                        | Ditto - - -         | ditto - - -              | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 30 - -                  | 26 - -          |
| <b>Crescent Road.</b>                  |                        |                     |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
|                                        |                        | Birkenhead Land Co. | House - - -              | Crescent Road - -              | - - -             | 25 - -                  | 22 - -          |
|                                        |                        | Ditto - - -         | ditto - - -              | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 25 - -                  | 22 - -          |
|                                        |                        | Ditto - - -         | ditto - - -              | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 25 - -                  | 22 - -          |
|                                        |                        | Ditto - - -         | ditto - - -              | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 25 - -                  | 22 - -          |
|                                        |                        | Ditto - - -         | ditto - - -              | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 25 - -                  | 22 - -          |
| <b>New Road, Mill Bank.</b>            |                        |                     |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
|                                        | Barker, Richard, & Son | Barker, R., & Son   | House and office -       | Mill Bank - - -                | - - -             | 24 - -                  | 21 - -          |
|                                        | Rosborough - - -       | ditto - - -         | House - - -              | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 18 - -                  | 15 - -          |
| <b>Woburn Hill.</b>                    |                        |                     |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
| 14                                     | - - - - -              | - - - - -           | House - - -              | Woburn Hill - -                | - - -             | 50 - -                  | 43 - -          |
| 16                                     | - - - - -              | - - - - -           | Ditto - - -              | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 50 - -                  | 43 - -          |
| <b>Green Lane.</b>                     |                        |                     |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
|                                        | Flewitt, John - -      | Ellison, Nathan -   | House and buildings      | Green Lane - - -               | - - -             | 75 - -                  | 65 - -          |
| <b>Lower Breck Lane.</b>               |                        |                     |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
|                                        |                        |                     | House - - -              | Lower Breck Lane -             | - - -             | 50 - -                  | 43 - -          |
|                                        |                        |                     | Ditto - - -              | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 50 - -                  | 43 - -          |
|                                        |                        |                     | Ditto - - -              | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 50 - -                  | 43 - -          |
| <b>Town Row.</b>                       |                        |                     |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
|                                        |                        | Blessig, Phillip -  | Cottage - - -            | Town Road - - -                | - - -             | 8 - -                   | 6 - -           |
| <b>Croxth Hall Lane.</b>               |                        |                     |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
|                                        | Walker, Richard -      | Sefton, the Earl -  | Land - - -               | Croxth Hall Lane -             | - - -             | 18 - -                  | 15 - -          |
| <b>Alders Road (late Jack Lane).</b>   |                        |                     |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
|                                        |                        | Tyrer, William K. - | Cottage - - -            | Alders Road - - -              | - - -             | 10 - -                  | 8 - -           |
| <b>Bricks.</b>                         |                        |                     |                          |                                |                   |                         |                 |
|                                        | Williams, John - -     | Walton Park Co. -   | Brick Clay, 2 Stools     | Dorset Road - - -              | - - -             | 118 - -                 | 112 - -         |
|                                        | Naylor, Richard - -    | Boulton - - -       | ditto - 3 " -            | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 177 - -                 | 168 - -         |
|                                        | M'Fall, John - -       | Birkenhead Land Co. | ditto - 2 " -            | Victoria Road - -              | - - -             | 118 - -                 | 112 - -         |
|                                        | Taylor, William - -    | Kenyon's Executors  | ditto - 1 " -            | Swan Hill - - -                | - - -             | 59 - -                  | 56 - -          |
|                                        | Ditto - - -            | Eskrigge - - -      | ditto - 1 " -            | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 59 - -                  | 56 - -          |
|                                        | Barker, Frederick -    | Kenyon's Executors  | ditto - 2 " -            | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 118 - -                 | 112 - -         |
|                                        | Wood, Richard - -      | Wood, Richard - -   | ditto - 2 " -            | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 118 - -                 | 112 - -         |
|                                        | Williams, William -    | Leigh, John Shaw -  | ditto - 2 " -            | Edge Lane - - -                | - - -             | 118 - -                 | 112 - -         |
|                                        | Holme & Nichol - -     | Ditto - - -         | ditto - 1 " -            | ditto - - -                    | - - -             | 59 - -                  | 56 - -          |



NUMBER of HOUSES under £.12, and of £.12 and over, in the Township of  
*West Derby*, in the County of *Lancaster*, Rural District, 1868.

| NAME OF STREET.            | House<br>under £.12. | Houses<br>£.12 and over. | REMARKS.                                                                  |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Lister-road - - - -        | -                    | 5                        |                                                                           |
| Grampian-road - - - -      | -                    | 7                        |                                                                           |
| Dryden-road - - - -        | -                    | 4                        |                                                                           |
| Crossfield-road - - - -    | -                    | 6                        |                                                                           |
| Geneva-road - - - -        | -                    | 6                        |                                                                           |
| Swiss-road - - - -         | -                    | 1                        |                                                                           |
| Radstock-road - - - -      | -                    | 1                        |                                                                           |
| Huntly-road - - - -        | -                    | 6                        |                                                                           |
| Hampstead-road - - - -     | -                    | 4                        |                                                                           |
| Prescot-road - - - -       | -                    | 4                        |                                                                           |
| Onslow-road - - - -        | -                    | 6                        |                                                                           |
| Rufford-road - - - -       | -                    | 4                        |                                                                           |
| Balmoral-road - - - -      | -                    | 5                        |                                                                           |
| Fairfield-crescent - - - - | -                    | 2                        |                                                                           |
| Holland-street - - - -     | -                    | 4                        |                                                                           |
| Stanley-street - - - -     | -                    | 3                        |                                                                           |
| Cardwell-street - - - -    | -                    | 4                        |                                                                           |
| Norwood-grove - - - -      | -                    | 20                       |                                                                           |
| Barrow-street - - - -      | 7                    | —                        |                                                                           |
| Division-street - - - -    | 5                    | 2                        |                                                                           |
| Pit-street - - - -         | 8                    | —                        |                                                                           |
| Radnor-place - - - -       | -                    | 2                        |                                                                           |
| Somerset-place - - - -     | -                    | 8                        |                                                                           |
| Chester-road - - - -       | -                    | 15                       |                                                                           |
| Dorset-road - - - -        | -                    | 46                       |                                                                           |
| Tue-brook - - - -          | -                    | 4                        |                                                                           |
| Lower Breck-lane - - - -   | -                    | 3                        |                                                                           |
| New Houses - - - -         | 20                   | 172                      | In that part of the district between<br>the borough boundary and railway. |
| Prescot-road - - - -       | -                    | 4                        |                                                                           |
| Swan-street - - - -        | 8                    | —                        |                                                                           |
| New Houses - - - -         | 8                    | 4                        | In that part of the district between<br>the railway and Green-lane.       |





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### 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

THE borough and city of Manchester consists of nine townships, namely, Manchester, Chorlton Row, otherwise Chorlton-cum-Medlock, Ardwick, Beswick, Hulme, Cheetham, Bradford, Newton, and Harpurhey. Of these Bradford, Newton, and Harpurhey are not within the municipal boundary.

In 1861 the area of the municipal borough was 4,294 acres, and the population 338,722. In 1861 the area of the Parliamentary borough was 6,359 acres, and the population was 357,979; and in 1866 it was computed at 380,887.

It appears that the borough population is distributed very unequally; for while in Hulme there are 143 persons, and in Manchester 112 persons, to an acre, in Bradford there are 11, in Newton 9, and in Harpurhey only 4 persons to an acre.

Manchester occupies a peculiar position. On the west the boundary joins that of Salford; on the east it approaches within two miles of Oldham and Ashton-under-Lyne; and Stockport, on the south-east, is distant only a few miles. The whole of the district, which may be described as inclosed by these towns, and which covers an extent of (what has been roughly calculated at) 15 square miles, is interspersed by mills, by other manufactories, and by the houses of workpeople employed in them; while the towns themselves are connected by straggling buildings along the high road, which sometimes grow into small villages. At the same time it is to be observed that within the intervening area to which we have referred, there is a considerable extent of agricultural land.

On the south of Manchester the ground is chiefly occupied by newly-erected dwelling-houses, many of which are detached villas, or houses of a superior class.

Such is the character of the district. But the task of drawing a boundary, so as to include all the premises outside the borough, which, by reason of "situation or other local circumstances," ought to be included within the borough, presents very considerable difficulties. These difficulties, however, are confined to three sides; because, on the west, the boundary of Manchester coincides with that of Salford.

According to one witness, who described himself as the secretary of the Conservative Association, the eastward boundary of Manchester ought to include the whole country which is not included within Oldham and Ashton-under-Lyne; and he proposed that the boundaries towards the north and south should be extended in a similar manner.

According to Mr. Sudlow, who described himself as a Conservative agent, the proper boundary would be a circle of which the Town-hall should be the centre, and three miles the radius. According to both these gentlemen, all the persons residing within these limits are so closely connected with Manchester that they ought to be included within that borough. On the other hand, the town council adopted a resolution that no addition should be made to the borough, and in this resolution they were supported by almost all the neighbouring townships except Failsworth. There were, of course, some individuals who differed from the town council.

The town council, and those who agreed with them, insisted that the borough was large enough already, and that, under the new Act, the voters would number about 50,000. They admitted that those who live outside the borough follow the same pursuits as those who live inside the borough. But community of interest, they said, extends no further than common pursuits. The inhabitants of the out-township have their own local boards, their own taxes, their own markets, their own shops, and their own business connections; and, in fact, have no more community of interest with Manchester than with any other town in Lancashire. And, according to the construction of the Act adopted by the town clerk, it is necessary to show "some immediate direct connection, or some circumstance which proves that the persons who would be included ought to be voters for a *particular* borough." It is to be observed, also, that each town and its inhabitants have their own peculiarities, which they guard with the utmost jealousy; any attempt to destroy, as it were, the personal identity of a town, by incorporating it with another, would be vigorously resisted. And it seems that the same feeling which exists in the boroughs, is found to some degree in many of the districts governed by local boards. One powerful reason which makes local boards and ratepayers resist any proposal to include them within the Parliamentary borough, is because they anticipate that the municipal will be made co-extensive with the Parliamentary limits, and taxation will be increased. Indeed, such was the avowed object of many of those who advocated the extension of the Parliamentary boundary. Another reason alleged for resisting inclusion on the part of the workpeople was because, if they were

included,



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included, they would be compelled to pay rates which are now paid by the landlord. Another reason was that if the populous districts outside the borough are allowed to remain as they are, the inhabitants hope soon to obtain a Member of Parliament for themselves. We observed that constant attempts were made to introduce the subject of municipal taxation into the discussions which took place before us; but this question seemed irrelevant, and therefore we declined to permit any reference to the subject.

Amid these conflicting views, it was necessary to adopt some general rules, in order, if possible, to prevent the opinion adopted in one case from being inconsistent with the opinion expressed in another. But in arriving at our conclusions we have been guided solely by the terms of the Act of Parliament, as interpreted by our instructions, and particularly by personal inspection. After a few days' experience, it became apparent that, either from want of observation or from some other cause, the evidence of those who undertook to describe the features of a locality proved to be singularly inconsistent and inaccurate. Much of our time was therefore spent in visiting the outskirts of the town, and investigating the districts for ourselves. According to the instructions, as we understood them, certain conditions must concur in order to justify the inclusion of any district within a Parliamentary borough.

1st. There must be a considerable number of houses immediately adjoining the boundary of the borough, and, in applying this rule, it seemed fair to require:—

(1.) That the district proposed to be included should contain six persons, at least, to an acre.

(2.) That the greater number of the houses should have been erected since 1832.

(3.) That the houses should form a compact mass, and not a mere *fringe* along a public road; inasmuch as to include single lines of houses would be impracticable, without at the same time including too large an extent of agricultural land.

2nd. There must be "community of interest" between the occupiers of the houses proposed to be included, and the inhabitants of the borough in the vicinity. It must be admitted however, that we experienced insuperable difficulty in devising a test of the existence of "community of interest." If all persons who follow the same pursuits are to be included within a borough, then a large tract of agricultural land must also be included, and the area of a borough must extend over many miles. If the fact that the population of a district is supplied from the same source with gas and water, is to be the test of "community of interest," the same result will follow; in addition to which, it must be observed that the mode in which the inhabitants of a district supply themselves with gas and water, is a mere matter of convenience, and has nothing to do with community of interest. The only satisfactory test of community of interest, is the fact that a certain district, of reasonable extent, is subject to the same local government, and liable to the same local taxes. But, unfortunately, this is not a test which can be applied to districts lying outside a borough, and which it is sought to bring within the borough boundary. Indeed, the extensive adoption of the Local Government Act by the townships outside boroughs, has tended to diminish that community of interest which formerly may have existed between boroughs and the out-townships.

The result is, that we have been compelled to abandon the attempt to apply the test of "community of interest." And the practical rule which we have adopted, is to include all the streets and houses beyond the borough boundary, which are (as it were) a continuation of the streets and houses within the borough boundary, subject of course to the condition that the houses must constitute a mass of building, and not a mere fringe along a road. Whenever, therefore, we perceived a failure of building such as we have described, or a considerable space of agricultural or waste land, that seemed to us the point at which we might draw the boundary. And if some rule, such as this, is not adopted, it will be almost impossible to assign any reasonable limits to the boroughs, in the district upon which we have been directed to report.

There is, however, one class of cases in which the rule just laid down may be said to fail. In large towns, such as Manchester and Liverpool, there are districts outside the present boundary which are occupied by houses of a superior description, many of the occupiers of which now enjoy the county franchise, and all of whom will be entitled to it under the new Act. Thus, in Manchester, at Crumpsall, at Stretford, at Moss Side, and at Rusholme; in Liverpool, in the neighbourhood of the Sefton Park and Toxteth Park, there are very many houses of this description. In Manchester, if the proposal of Mr. Sudlow were adopted, the number of county voters who would be practically disfranchised (because many of them have borough votes at present) would be 1,298, while the number of persons who would be *prospectively* disfranchised, or, in other words, who would enjoy county votes under the new Bill, unless included in the borough, would be 3,927. In Toxteth (Liverpool) alone, the number of occupiers now on the county register is 104, and the number of houses of 12 *l.* and upwards is 572. In addition to which it is proper to state, that the buildings about to be erected will be buildings of a description similar to those which now exist, and entitling their occupiers to county votes. It must also be observed, that in many of these townships, the number of persons who will be enfranchised by the new Act, and who occupy houses under 12 *l.*, is comparatively insignificant.

It was argued before us, that there was no ground to include those villas and superior houses within the borough. The new Act was passed, not for the purpose of disfranchisement,

ment, but for the purpose of facilitating enfranchisement. It may be reasonable to sacrifice a few of the existing county voters, in order to bestow the privilege of voting upon a large number of persons who would be unable to enjoy it otherwise. But to include within a borough a large number of persons who at present enjoy both a county and a borough vote, is practically to disfranchise a considerable number of county voters, and that for no reasonable object. In addition to these arguments, it was stated that there was no essential "community of interest" between the occupiers of these villas and suburban residences and the borough. The same man may have a city interest when he is in his counting-house, and a county interest when he is at his residence. The very object of residing outside the town is to get rid of city interests, and, in point of fact, it is certain that many persons who do business in the city, and reside beyond its limits, have interests which are antagonistic to each other. Between these conflicting views it seemed impossible for us to decide, and therefore we beg leave to submit the question to the Commissioners. Should they be of opinion that these superior houses should continue excluded, the district coloured with Indian ink will remain part of the county; should they adopt the opposite view, the same district will be included within the new borough boundary. It seems unnecessary to discuss, in detail, the reasons which induced us to include the districts coloured yellow on the map, and to exclude the district beyond. In drawing the boundary, we have simply applied those rules which we have ventured to lay down, and which we have already endeavoured to explain. In some few cases we have been compelled to consider convenience and symmetry in settling a boundary.

## 2.—PETITIONS.

### PETITION of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Manchester*.

The humble Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Manchester, in the County of Lancaster, under their common seal,

Showeth,—

THAT, by the Boundary Bill now before your Honourable House it is proposed to include with the Parliamentary boundary of the borough of Manchester portions of the following townships which have not at the present time any connection with such borough, namely, Stretford, Moss Side, Rusholme, Gorton, Openshaw, Droylsden, and Crumpsall.

That the present population of the Parliamentary borough of Manchester is estimated at upwards of 400,000 persons, of whom it is anticipated at least 50,000 will be electors under the Reform Act of 1867.

That the borough is already inconveniently large, and if any alteration is made in its boundaries, your Petitioners respectfully submit that it ought to be by decreasing rather than extending the area of the borough.

That there is no greater community of interest existing between the inhabitants of the borough and of the districts proposed to be added than between the inhabitants of the borough and of many other districts situated within a comparatively short distance from Manchester.

That the extension of boundaries proposed by the said Bill is, as far as the surrounding districts of Manchester are concerned, partial and unsatisfactory, and does not adopt any known or recognised divisions, but arbitrarily and inconveniently divides townships.

That inasmuch as there are in England and Wales, having a population in each case inferior to that of the area proposed to be added 65 towns, each returning two Members to Parliament, and 48 other towns returning one Member, your Petitioners submit that, instead of increasing the area of the Parliamentary borough of Manchester, one or more independent constituencies should be formed.

That the inhabitants of the districts proposed to be added by their representatives, attended before the Assistant Boundaries Commissioners, and strongly objected to being included within the borough.

That by the additions proposed a large number of persons, either already entitled to county votes under the existing law, or who will be entitled to the county franchise under the Reform Act of 1867, would, so far as the county representation is concerned, be disfranchised.

That in such districts a considerable population of householders rated under 12*l.* per annum reside who are occupied in large works designedly placed beyond the boundaries of the borough, and the incorporation of such districts with the Parliamentary borough is not less strongly opposed by the inhabitants of such districts than by the inhabitants of the borough.

That your Petitioners strongly object to any extension of the boundaries of the Parliamentary borough of Manchester, and submitted their objections to the Assistant Boundary Commissioners when in Manchester in October 1867.

That the addition of extensive and populous districts to a borough already too large is vicious in principle, and cannot be attended with any benefit whatever, but, on the contrary,



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trary, must inevitably tend to provoke renewed agitation for more equitable representation, and for an entire redistribution of seats.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honourable House that the said Bill may not pass into a law as it now stands, but that the borough of Manchester may be withdrawn from the first schedule, and thus the boundaries of such borough remained unchanged.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

1 Signature.

PETITION of the Executive Committee of the National Reform Union,

The humble Petition of the Executive Committee of the National Reform Union,

Showeth,—

THAT your Petitioners are of opinion that the Boundary Bill before your Honourable House, which proposes to enlarge the present limits of the Parliamentary borough of Manchester by including parts of the township of Crumpsall, Droylsden, Openshaw, Gorton, Rusholme, Moss Side, Stretford, and Gorton at Longsight, is incomplete and unfair in its provisions, and calculated to frustrate rather than to advance the objects of the Reform Act passed by Parliament last year.

That the present extent of the borough, its population of nearly 400,000, and the number of male occupiers, namely, 63,781 residing therein, and who under the new Reform Act will be eligible to be on the Parliamentary Register for the borough, make it desirable that no increase in the area and population of the borough should be made.

That the proposal for including parts of the townships named, while other parts of several of the said townships are excluded, is arbitrary and unjust, besides being opposed to the wishes of the inhabitants of those townships, as expressed by them before the Assistant Commissioners.

That a large number of persons already entitled to vote for the county, and a large number also who would be entitled under the Reform Act of 1867, will be disfranchised, so far as the county is concerned.

That a strong objection to the proposed extension has been expressed by the city council, the inhabitants generally of the borough, and the inhabitants of the districts which it is proposed in the Bill to include, as is shown in the public reports of the proceedings before the Assistant Commissioners last October.

Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honourable House not to pass into law the Bill as it at present stands, but to postpone the consideration of the whole question until a more convenient time, and in any case to omit from the Bill now before your Honourable House the fourth clause, which proposes the alterations so objectionable to your Petitioners.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee,

1 Signature.

PETITION of Inhabitants of *Openshaw*.

To the Honourable the Commoners of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament Assembled:

The Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of Openshaw in Public Meeting Assembled,

Humbly sheweth,—

THAT your Petitioners have reason to fear that it is in contemplation by the Boundary Bill about to be introduced into Parliament to include in the constituency of the city of Manchester, which is already excessively large, this township, which has hitherto been included in the constituency of South Lancashire.

Your Petitioners regard such change with intense dislike and dissatisfaction, and beg your Honourable House to reject any measure having the object in view of adding county voters to borough constituencies, which, owing to their magnitude, are already insufficiently represented.

Your Petitioners desire to press upon your Honourable House the impropriety of attempting to deal with the question of boundaries until a just and equitable redistribution of seats in proportion to population and property has been enacted.

And your Petitioners would earnestly beg your Honourable House to support the Amendment proposed by Mr. Hibbert, which is intended to confine the rectification of boundaries exclusively of those boroughs to which representatives were given by the Reform Bill of 1867.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

Wm. Warburton, Chairman.

Openshaw, 13 May 1868.



PETITION of the Local Board of Health for the District of *Crumpsall*.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland  
in Parliament Assembled :

The humble Petition of the Local Board of Health for the District of Crumpsall,  
in the County of Lancaster,

Showeth,—

THAT it appears by the Report of the Boundary Commissioners for England and Wales, 1868, that it is proposed to extend the boundaries of the Parliamentary borough of Manchester, so as to include therein (amongst other places) a portion of the said district of Crumpsall, described in such report.

That such extension of the said borough of Manchester, so far as the same affects the said district of Crumpsall is uncalled for, and if made will be injurious to the inhabitants of the district.

That the portion of the said district proposed to be added to the said borough contains nearly all the largest houses in the district, and by far the greatest portion of the occupiers thereof have places of business within the said borough, in respect of which they are entitled to vote in elections of Members of Parliament for such borough.

That the last-mentioned occupiers are now entitled by reason of such occupancy within the said district to vote in elections of Members of Parliament for the southern division of the county of Lancaster, but if the proposed addition be made to the Parliamentary borough of Manchester, of the part of the district before-mentioned, such occupiers will be deprived of their right to vote in such elections, and thereby the number of voters for the said division will be reduced without increasing the number of voters for the said borough.

That the borough is very large, having (as shown by the Report of the Boundary Commissioners) an area of 6,359 acres, and if the said addition be made to it the number of duplicate entries in the Register of Voters, the difficulty of conducting, and the expenses of elections for the said borough will be greatly increased.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray your Honourable House that not any part of the district of Crumpsall may be included in any Bill for extending the boundaries of the Parliamentary borough of Manchester,

And your Petitioners will ever pray &c.

The seal of the above-named Local Board of Health was affixed to this Petition, in pursuance of a resolution of the Board, passed at a meeting held on the 23rd day of May 1868, in the presence of—

*John Waterhouse*, Chairman.

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### 3.—MEMORIALS.

To the Right Honourable the Boundary Commissioners.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

WE, the undersigned, have the honour to inform you that at a public meeting of the ratepayers of the township of Failsworth, in the county of Lancaster, convened upon requisition by the chairman of the local board, and presided over by Major Clark, on the 29th day of July last, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :—

1st. That in the opinion of this meeting it is highly desirable that steps should be immediately taken to induce the Boundary Commissioners to recommend Parliament to annex this township to the Parliamentary borough of the city of Manchester.

2nd. That a committee of five persons, with power to add to their number, be appointed to carry out the foregoing resolution.

3rd. That the Reverend J. H. Delamere (the rector), Major Clark (the Chairman), and Messrs. Joseph Hall, William Standring, and S. L. Chadwick, be the committee.

We beg respectfully to represent to you that the township of Failsworth is of great commercial importance, having an area of 1,073 statute acres, a population of considerably over 5,000; and property of the annual rateable value of 16,247 l.

The township is situate between the Parliamentary boroughs of Manchester and Oldham, and is immediately adjacent to each, as shown on the accompanying plan, and we earnestly request that you will be pleased to recognize the wishes and claims of the ratepayers as herein expressed, by advising Parliament to include the township in the Parliamentary district of the borough of Manchester.

We beg also to state that we shall be happy to furnish you with any further information that may be required on the subject.

7 Signatures.

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## 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

PAPERS handed in by Mr. *Bazley*, M.P.

EXTRACT from the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Crumpsall Local Board of Health  
at a Meeting held on the 23rd day of May 1868.

Moved by Mr. Wilson; seconded by Mr. Barlow; and

*Resolved*,—THAT it is the unanimous opinion of this meeting that the proposed extension of the boundaries of the Parliamentary borough of Manchester, so as to include a portion of the district of Crumpsall within such boundaries is uncalled for, and will, if effected, be injurious to the inhabitants of the district, and ought to be opposed by this board; and

That the petition now produced be and is hereby approved; that the seal of the board be affixed thereto, and that the clerk forward the same together with a copy of this resolution to the senior Member of Parliament for the borough of Manchester, and request the favor of his supporting the prayer of such petition in such manner as he may consider most expedient.

## BOUNDARY BILL.

REASONS against the Proposed EXTENSION of the BOROUGH of MANCHESTER.

The Borough of Manchester comprises the whole of the following Townships, viz.:

|                                 | Acres. | Population in<br>1861. | Number of Voters<br>on<br>Register of 1867. |
|---------------------------------|--------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Manchester - - - - -            | 1,480  | 185,410                | 11,364                                      |
| Chorlton-upon-Medlock - - - - - | 700    | 44,795                 | 3,661                                       |
| Hulme - - - - -                 | 440    | 68,433                 | 4,255                                       |
| Ardwick - - - - -               | 470    | 21,757                 | 1,322                                       |
| Cheetham - - - - -              | 919    | 17,446                 | 2,066                                       |
| Newton - - - - -                | 1,585  | 14,907                 | 691                                         |
| Bradford - - - - -              | 279    | 3,523                  | 259                                         |
| Harpurhey - - - - -             | 192    | 827                    | 51                                          |
| Beswick - - - - -               | 60     | 881                    | 64                                          |
| TOTAL - - - - -                 | 6,125  | 357,979                | 23,733                                      |

Total number of voters on register for 1867 is 23,733; whilst the total number of occupiers who will probably be on the first register under the Reform Act of 1867 is 63,781.

Extension Suggested.

It is proposed to add portions only of 7 different townships, viz.:

|                                  | Acres. | Population in<br>1861. |
|----------------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| Moss Side - - - - -              | 400    | 2,950                  |
| Stretford - - - - -              | 300    | 4,870                  |
| Crumpsall - - - - -              | 500    | 3,265                  |
| Rusholme - - - - -               | 320    | 5,930                  |
| Droylsden and Openshaw - - - - - | 369    | 7,205                  |
| Gorton - - - - -                 | 496    | 9,505                  |
| TOTAL - - - - -                  | 2,385  | 83,725                 |

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In case the portions of townships last named were included, it is estimated that the following number of county voters would by such means be disfranchised, viz. :—

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|                                  | Number of<br>present<br>County Voters. | Number of<br>Additional Voters<br>for County, if not<br>Included in the<br>Borough. | TOTAL. |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Moss Side - - - - -              | 69                                     | 400                                                                                 | 469    |
| Stretford - - - - -              | 135                                    | 440                                                                                 | 579    |
| Crumpsall - - - - -              | 35                                     | 114                                                                                 | 149    |
| Rusholme - - - - -               | 81                                     | 257                                                                                 | 338    |
| Droylsden and Openshaw - - - - - | 18                                     | 187                                                                                 | 205    |
| Gorton - - - - -                 | 32                                     | 420                                                                                 | 452    |
| TOTAL - - - - -                  | 370                                    | 1,818                                                                               | 2,188  |

The probable number of voters for the borough, as at present constituted, will be 63,781; to which number, by the extension, it is proposed to add 5,299, making a total of 69,080.

The probable number of county voters for the Hundred of Salford under the new Reform Act, if the additions proposed to the borough be not made, would be 17,444.

It is therefore proposed to disfranchise 2,188 out of 17,444 county voters, who will return three Members in order to increase by 5,299 a constituency of 63,781 voters who also only return three Members.

Under the new Reform Act the following number of boroughs, with the population stated, remain unchanged, and return the number of Members set forth in the Table, viz. :—

| Number<br>of Boroughs. | Population.                   | Number<br>of Members. |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 30                     | 10,000 and under 20,000 - - - | 46                    |
| 11                     | 20,000 „ 30,000 - - -         | 21                    |
| 5                      | 30,000 „ 40,000 - - -         | 9                     |
| 3                      | 40,000 „ 50,000 - - -         | 6                     |
| 2                      | 50,000 „ 60,000 - - -         | 3                     |
| 10                     | 60,000 and upwards - - -      | 19                    |
| TOTAL - 61             | TOTAL - - -                   | 104                   |

The inhabitants of the several districts proposed to be added, attended by deputations, in many cases appointed by public meetings, before the Assistant Commissioners to object to such districts being included within the borough of Manchester. Sir Humphrey De Trafford, George Lloyd, Esq., and other large landowners, also attended by their agents to urge the same objection. Whilst the corporation of the city, as the representatives of the inhabitants of the present borough, and in accordance with a resolution adopted at the council, attended by the town clerk, and strenuously opposed any interference or change by way of extension with the present limits or boundaries of the borough.

Only two parties attended to suggest or urge the addition of any of the districts proposed, viz., one gentleman who stated that he was the representative of “The South Lancashire Conservative Association,” and another gentleman who described himself as the representative of “The Constitutional Association.”

The corporation of Manchester contended that the present borough is already too large, and that the constituency, without addition, will be so numerous as to make the arrangements for an election exceedingly difficult, and very expensive; and it was further contended that if any change were made the borough ought to be reduced in size, by making the Parliamentary and municipal boundaries co-extensive, and thereby withdrawing the townships of Newton, Bradford, and Harpurhey, which include upwards of 2,000 acres, and contain a population of only 12,831 inhabitants, or about six inhabitants for each acre.

The extension of the boundaries considerably increase the difficulties in making the necessary arrangements for an election, as proved by the past experience in reference to the more distant townships of Newton, Bradford, and Harpurhey; and, with the additions proposed, the official arrangements only of an election for Manchester would be almost unmanageable.

There is now within the present boundaries of the borough a large quantity of vacant land, and the population will no doubt, as in former years, continue rapidly to increase.

Within the present boundaries of the borough, the population is about 67 inhabitants for each acre; whilst in the new districts the population is only about 14 inhabitants for each acre.



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That the addition of extensive districts to a borough already too large, is injudicious; would in this instance be deemed to be the infliction of a penalty, and not the conferring of a privilege, and would inevitably lead to renewed and increased agitation for more equitable representation, and for an entire redistribution of Members.

It is contended that the boundaries of the borough ought to remain unchanged:—

1. Because the borough is already too large; and
2. Because all parties affected protest against the proposed alterations.

On behalf of the Corporation of Manchester,

Manchester, 21 May 1868.

(signed) *Jos. Heron*, Town Clerk.

#### PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARIES OF MANCHESTER.

SHORT-HAND NOTES OF PROCEEDINGS before *Patrick Cumin*, Esq., and Lieutenant Colonel *Gordon*, Assistant Boundary Commissioners, at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, 28th September 1867.

NOTE.—The *Mayor*, Aldermen *Clark* and *Nicholls*, and Councillors *Ashmore* and *Joseph Thompson*, attended the Inquiry on behalf of the Corporation.

THE advertisement convening the meeting having been read,

Mr. *Cumin* said: This advertisement has been issued in accordance with the 48th section of the Representation of the People Act, under which five Commissioners are appointed, whose duty it is to proceed themselves, or by assistant Commissioners appointed by them, to enquire into the temporary boundaries of boroughs under this Act (which does not apply in this case), then to enquire into the boundaries of every other borough, to consider whether the boundary should be enlarged so as to include within the limits of the borough all premises which ought, due regard being had to situation and other local circumstances, to be included therein, for the purpose of conferring upon the occupiers thereof the Parliamentary franchise for such borough. The two points we have to consider are, first of all, situation; then secondly, local circumstances, and these are to be considered for the sole purpose of conferring upon the occupiers of such premises the Parliamentary franchise. We have nothing whatever to do with municipal taxation. I mention that because I observe that there has been a good deal of discussion elsewhere as to whether or not the rates would be increased in consequence of any enlargement made in the borough; with that we have nothing to do. We shall be glad to hear any evidence which can be produced here upon this subject. Our duty is to make a report to the five Commissioners in London, and it is for them to say whether they will adopt the recommendations we make. Perhaps the best plan of procedure, in the first place, will be for the town clerk to give any information which he thinks important on this subject.

Mr. *Talbot*.] At a meeting of the council of this city, held on the 25th instant, it was resolved, "That, in the opinion of this council, it is not expedient or desirable that the boundaries of the present Parliamentary borough of Manchester should be extended." It was also resolved,

"That the following members of the council, viz., the Mayor, Alderman *Clark*, Alderman *Nicholls*, Councillor *Ashmore*, and Councillor *Thompson* be requested to attend before the Assistant Boundary Commissioners at their enquiry at the town hall, and present to them the foregoing resolutions." I shall first of all lay before you shortly the Boundaries Act of 1832, by which the present Parliamentary borough of Manchester was formed.

Mr. *Cumin*.] We have it.

Mr. *Talbot*.] It will be only necessary for me to state that under that Act the Parliamentary boundaries include nine townships, of which six, viz., Manchester, Ardwick, Beswick, Cheetham, Hulme, and Chorlton, form the city boundaries; and three, viz., Bradford, Newton, and Harpurhey are not within the city but within the Parliamentary borough. The charter of incorporation is dated 23rd October, in the second year of the reign of Her Majesty (1838). Then, following what I presume to be your desire, and following the course which I observe has been taken in other places, it will be my duty also to lay before you a few statistics which I shall gladly curtail upon your suggestion.

Mr. *Cumin* (producing a document).] These are Electoral Returns for 1865 and 1866; they contain the population in 1831, 1861, and 1866; inhabited houses in 1861; the number of electors on the Parliamentary register; gross estimated rental, the rateable value, and the number of male occupiers. Do you admit this return?

Mr. *Talbot*.] I cannot doubt its accuracy.

Mr. *Cumin*.] We shall be glad to hear anything additional likely to be useful which you may have to state.

Mr. *Talbot*.] The Registrar General's statement of 18th May 1867 gives the population of the city as 362,823, being at the rate of 80 persons to the acre. Respecting the Parliamentary borough we have not equally correct information, but we believe the total for the borough might be taken for 1867 at about 383,500. The number

ber of persons within the city entitled to vote for Borough Members, as per register for 1866, is 21,823, and within the three other townships of the borough the number of electors so entitled is 969. The acreage of the city is 4,069 acres, and the acreage of the other three townships 1,956 acres.

Mr. *Cumin.*] That is on the Ordnance Survey.

Mr. *Talbot.*] You have the particulars as to rateable value.

Mr. *Cumin.*] In 1856, the gross estimated rental was 1,427,600*l.* The gross estimated rental, in 1865 and 1866, was 1,676,785*l.* The present rateable value is 1,398,000*l.* I wish to ask you whether Manchester has extended outwardly since the boundaries were fixed, and if so, in what direction? (*After a pause*) For instance, at Cheetham?

The *Mayor.*] At Crumpsall, you mean. There is an increase, not a very great one, in good sized dwelling-houses, but very little increase in manufacturing operations there. Gentlemen go there to reside after business in Manchester.

Mr. *Cumin.*] Any increase in the direction of Failsworth, or further south, where it is white on the map? Is there any increase in that part which runs into Ashton-road, Droydsden?

Alderman *Clark.*] There has been an increase.

Here various references were made to the map, and explanations given by Mr. Lynde, Mr. Talbot, and others.

The *Mayor.*] In Ardwick and Gorton there has been a good deal of building.

Mr. *Talbot.*] At Gorton the people are chiefly operatives in connection with large railway works.

The railway runs through the township.

Mr. *Cumin.*] I will ask this general question. Do you consider that any considerable number of houses have been erected beyond the existing boundaries, the inhabitants of which, from community of interest with the borough, or other local circumstances, may be regarded as part of the population of Manchester.

Alderman *Nicholls.*] I suppose you mean having business in Manchester and residing in the locality.

Mr. *Cumin.*] Are there any considerable number of people residing beyond the boundary who, in point of fact, are Manchester people?

Mr. *Talbot.*] Gentlemen here are connected with different localities, and we are not prepared for the precise question, but it shall be considered, and a reply given.

Alderman *Clark.*] In Gorton, near to Manchester, the houses are chiefly occupied by the working class; that, however, forms a very small part of the township of Gorton, which extends to Ashton-under-Lyne boundary.

Mr. *Cumin.*] I will repeat the general question. Do you consider there is any number of houses immediately beyond the Parliamentary borough inhabited by persons the same, in point of fact, as Manchester people?

The *Mayor.*] There is, no doubt, all round the city. We will take Rusholme, Longsight, Crumpsall, and Harpurhey, for example. People get out as far into the country as they can to be convenient to their business. I consider that the people thus living in the country would deem it a misfortune if they were to be made part of the town. They have gone there because it is the country.

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Lieutenant Colonel *Gordon.*] There has been an overflow of population in those directions? Manchester.

The *Mayor.*] Yes; scarcely anyone lives in Manchester who can afford to live out of it. It has become a fashion now to go out. We do not like to reside in the heart of the city.

Mr. *Cumin.*] Could you draw a line which would include all the outside population you have described?

The *Mayor.*] No, not a regular line, because a large number go as far as Bowden, for instance, and they extend much farther in one direction than another.

Mr. *Talbot.*] With regard to the population of Gorton, I understand they are principally in connection with works erected for purposes connected with the railway, manufacturing, engineering, and so on. They constitute a large floating population not identified with the city.

Mr. *Cumin.*] If you walked out in that direction could you tell where Manchester ends and Gorton begins; could a stranger tell any more than he could where Manchester stops and Salford begins?

The *Mayor.*] A stranger might not always be able to tell where the borough boundaries end.

Alderman *Nicholls.*] And if a stranger saw a space unbuilt upon, he would not know whether it divided townships or not.

The *Mayor.*] We have an application for union with the borough from Failsworth, and that application was before the City Council when the resolutions read at the commencement of to-day's proceedings were passed.

Mr. *Cumin.*] We have received an application from the Local Board of Failsworth, signed by Major Clarke, who is the chairman, applying to be united to Manchester. Is there any representative of Failsworth here?

Major *Clark* rose and said: There is a deputation from Failsworth; the Rev. J. H. Delamere is one of them. There have been several meetings in Failsworth on the subject, one last year and one lately, which was very numerously attended by the ratepayers, and at which it was unanimously resolved that the Boundary Commissioners should be memorialised with a view, if possible, of our being joined with Manchester. In that memorial sent to the Commissioners will be found the essentials of the matter. Should I read it to you?

Mr. *Cumin.*] We have read it, and have a copy. Have you any further remarks to offer?

Major *Clark.*] From an additional paper put into my hands, I see that there are in the township seven cotton mills, two silk mills, one paper mill, two hat manufactories, one print works, one beetling works, one indiarubber works, one tan works.

Mr. *Cumin.*] How many altogether?

Major *Clark.*] Seventeen, employing above 2,000 hands; and in addition to that the population includes silk and hand-loom weavers, a very intelligent class of men. The population altogether is between 5,000 and 6,000. The loom-weavers and silk-weavers would be about 600. Then there are eight churches and chapels, nine Sunday schools, three day-schools, and one mechanics' institution. The population now is nearly 6,000, it having been 5,300 in 1861. You know the position of the township on the map, I presume?

Mr. *Cumin.*] Yes.

Major *Clark.*] In addition to its adjoining the township of Manchester, it forms part of the ancient parish of Manchester. The feeling on the



Manchester. subject is very strong, and we think from the facts stated, and so many of the people having an interest in Manchester—

Mr. *Cumin*.] What union is it in?

Major *Clark*.] In Prestwich.

Mr. *Cumin*.] Who supplies gas and water?

Major *Clark*.] Oldham, and for a reason I will explain. I myself some years ago wanted to get gas from the Manchester Corporation, but the Corporation of Oldham stepped in and said, "No, we have an Act by which we supply Failsworth with gas and water, and the Corporation of Manchester none. They cannot come in." Many of us would get from Manchester if we could.

Mr. *Cumin*.] How are you more connected with Manchester than with Oldham?

Major *Clark*.] Because the proprietors of the mills are all Manchester men, and all the hand-loom and silk-weavers get their work from Manchester.

Mr. *Cumin*.] Then I suppose there is a continuous line of houses from Manchester to Failsworth?

Major *Clark*.] Quite. The houses are continuous all the way.

Mr. *Cumin*.] Are they principally a fringe along the road, or do they lie deep?

Major *Clark*.] Principally a fringe, but on part of the way to Failsworth they are on both sides of the road.

Mr. *Cumin*.] What quantity of land is under cultivation at Failsworth as compared with the quantity of land occupied by houses?

Major *Clark*.] I cannot say. The land occupied by mills, streets, and so forth, cannot be above one-fourth, if so much. The rateable value is 16,247 *l*.

Mr. *Cumin*.] You make out the majority of the population to be engaged in manufacturing.

Major *Clark*.] They are, Sir.

Mr. *Cumin*.] Is that mere speculation, or how do you get at it?

Major *Clark*.] It has been compiled from the rate-books. I am clear that by far the majority are manufacturing people. The working people belong mainly to Failsworth, but some come from Newton and some from Manchester.

Mr. *S. Gee Chadwick*, Walkden House, Failsworth, another of the deputation, said, "The majority of the hand-loom weavers have been connected with Manchester from time immemorial, inasmuch as they have got their work from thence, and do now. Many of those who do not weave come to Manchester after their business."

Lieutenant Colonel *Gordon*.] The population is about six to the acre.

Mr. *Cumin*.] Is building like to increase?

Major *Clark*.] A silk mill has been built within a few years, and another mill is undergoing enlargement.

Mr. *Cumin*.] Is it an increasing place?

Major *Clark*.] The Registrar General estimates the increase of population at 1,000 since 1861. There are several inhabitants of Failsworth here if you like to hear them.

Mr. *Cumin*.] Certainly; if they like to give evidence.

Councillor *Ashmore*.] Have you any co-operative mills there?

Major *Clark*.] No; we have one large co-operative provision store, which has been a great success.

Councillor *Ashmore*.] They are living on their own earnings there, not on Manchester?

Major *Clark*.] Yes; this is not a mill, but a co-operative store.

Councillor *Ashmore*.] I can tell in a moment when I get out of Manchester proper into Failsworth, the ground is not so densely populated.

Mr. *Talbot*.] What is the distance from Manchester Exchange to the extreme limit of your township?

Major *Clark*.] Three and a half miles.

Mr. *Talbot*.] And what the distance from Oldham?

Major *Clark*.] From the centre of Oldham I should say about two miles.

Mr. *Hulton*.] The distance to the centre of Oldham is about the same as from Manchester.

Mr. *Talbot*.] It will appear on the map.

Major *Clark*.] To the centre of Oldham the distance is about the same as to the centre of Manchester.

Mr. *Talbot*.] I did not know Oldham had a centre. What do you call the centre?

Major *Clark*.] About the market place.

Mr. *Talbot*.] You make hats in Failsworth; are they intended for Manchester?

Major *Clark*.] They are made in Failsworth, and sold in Manchester.

Councillor *Ashworth*.] Do not some of them go to London?

Major *Clark*.] No doubt of it.

Mr. *Talbot*.] Do I understand that there are 2,500 operatives?

Major *Clark*.] That is the gross number of men, women, and children employed in factories. The 600 hand-loom weavers are adult workers.

Mr. *Talbot*.] You did not care very much, in the first instance, where you went, so long as you could get under the wing of some Parliamentary borough, for I see you have had a meeting to determine to which you would be allied?

Major *Clark*.] That was in 1866. The resolution at the last meeting in July last is very clear and unmistakable. It says, "In the opinion of this meeting, steps should be taken to annex us to the Parliamentary borough of Manchester." We have come here for a special purpose, that of pressing for union with Manchester.

Mr. *Cumin*.] To confer upon the occupiers of Failsworth the Parliamentary franchise of this borough?

Major *Clark*.] Yes.

Mr. *Edward Hulton*, corn dealer, Failsworth, then gave evidence. He said:—I was born in Failsworth, and have always been attached to Manchester. Under the Ecclesiastical Commission we are attached to Manchester Old Church, and I have been a sidesman for many years.

Mr. *Cumin*.] Can you give any reasons for desiring this union?

Mr. *Hulton*.] We think it would be the most convenient arrangement, because most of the people come down to Manchester. Where one goes to Oldham there are 30 come to Manchester. For that reason we think it would be better to be united with Manchester.

Lieutenant Colonel *Gordon*.] You think it better to join Manchester than Oldham?

Mr. *Hulton*.] We would sooner be in Oldham than as we are, but would prefer being in Manchester.

Mr. *S. L. Chadwick* then gave evidence. He said:—I am a pattern designer; I wish to impress



on the Commissioners that this movement is not of a party character.

Mr. *Cumin.*] I do not think that material; we have nothing to do with that.

Mr. *Chadwick.*] It has emanated from the whole of the ratepayers, and they are unanimous in their decision to come to Manchester. The first meeting convened in 1866 to consider the question was all but unanimous; we were unanimous with the exception of one. A gentleman moved a motion in favour of going to Oldham, but could not get it seconded, and only introduced it for the sake of discussion. Another requisition was got up to the Chairman of the Local Board, who had convened the previous meeting. That was influentially signed by 50 of the principal inhabitants of the district; and as Major Clark had shown them the motion that was proposed at the meeting was carried unanimously, there are no grounds for saying that the ratepayers would rather go to Oldham. As Mr. Hulton has said, rather than go nowhere, they would go to Oldham. Our object is simply to give votes, as householders of Failsworth, in accordance with the spirit of the Reform Bill. We have nothing whatever to do in this matter with politics. I am of one persuasion and some of the committee of another persuasion, and we are working harmoniously together. It is the unanimous wish of the ratepayers of Failsworth to be joined with Manchester.

Mr. *Cumin.*] How many ratepayers does it include?

Mr. *Chadwick.*] There are nearly 1,600 assessments. From 200 to 300 ratepayers were present at the meeting.

Mr. *Cumin.*] There has been no meeting on the other side?

Mr. *Chadwick.*] None at all. A meeting of 200 is considered a very large one in Failsworth. Our vestry meetings are generally attended by 30 or 40.

Mr. *Talbot.*] Can you state the number of inhabited houses?

Mr. *Chadwick.*] I am not prepared.

Mr. *Talbot.*] We make it that there are 1,274 houses assessed to the poor rate. Where do you get the balance between that number and the 1,600 assessments which you speak of. Do you dispute the statement of 1,274 houses assessed to the poor?

Mr. *Chadwick.*] Not at all. The reason I have stated 1,600 is because the clerk of the local board has had 1,600 assessment papers printed. The number of assessments may possibly be a little less.

The Rev. J. H. *Delamere.*] I am rector of the parish of Failsworth. I saw the rate-book yesterday, and I think the number of assessments is exactly 1,270.

Mr. *Cumin.*] That is to say assessed houses?

Mr. *Delamere.*] Yes.

Mr. *Cumin.*] Would you like to add anything?

Mr. *Delamere.*] I have been a resident in the place upwards of 20 years, and ought to know the feelings and character of the people. I certainly think that feeling is strongly in favour of being attached to Manchester on the part of all parties in the township. Our sympathies are altogether with Manchester. We have no intercourse with Oldham. Indeed so much does Manchester enter into our feelings, that in going through my parish, I feel almost as much in Manchester as if I were in Market-street.

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Mr. *Cumin.*] You think there is a close community of interest between the inhabitants of Failsworth and Manchester.

Mr. *Delamere.*] Most decidedly.

Mr. *Cumin.*] We know that the boundaries join, and you say that the houses join?

Mr. *Delamere.*] Yes; there is no interruption in the line of houses. I think that a stranger coming from Newton Heath into Failsworth could not tell where the one ends, and the other begins. It is the same in the other direction, towards Oldham. It is one continuous line of houses on both sides, from Manchester to Oldham.

Mr. *Cumin.*] Is there any other gentleman from Failsworth who would like to give evidence?

Mr. *Thomas Hayes.*] I am a resident in Failsworth, and secretary to the co-operative society in that place. The existence of that society is attributable to the carefulness and thoughtfulness of the people.

Mr. *Cumin.*] We have not much to do with that. It is only a question of local circumstances.

Mr. *Hayes.*] I thought it might prove their capacity to exercise the vote.

Mr. *Cumin.*] I do not think we should go into that. Is there any other fact?

Mr. *Hayes.*] I do not think of any other observation that I wish to make.

Mr. *John Sudlow*, of Manchester, Solicitor: I have been requested by several gentlemen who take an interest in the boundaries, and are connected with the out townships, to lay before you their views. I believe I have probably been selected as their mouthpiece in consequence of having given considerable attention to the subject, and having, before Lord Grey's Committee in 1860, given evidence as to the boundaries of the borough. I will furnish you with a copy of the evidence I gave on that occasion. The general purport of it was this: that with respect to the city of Manchester, and the boundaries around it, a radius line of two-and-a-half miles would not do more than comprise the whole of the strictly urban people of Manchester, and that up to that extent of that line the whole of the streets were pretty nearly continuous. You will see marked on that plan the radius' line of two-and-a-half miles, also marked upon it a radius line of three miles, because I hope to show you that what was true of that two-and-a-half-miles radius six years ago is still more true now with respect to the three miles radius. If you will kindly follow me upon the map, I will give you information which the Commissioners have already asked for very frequently without obtaining, and that is this: I shall show you, I think, that whatever way you go out of Manchester in the townships I am about to press upon your notice, it will be impossible for any stranger to know where Manchester ends and these townships begin. I will take, in the first instance, Crumpsall, marked No. 1 on the map. That township comprises 883 assessments. The number of assessments at 12*l.* and upwards is 713, and the number under 12*l.* is 170. In Crumpsall, as in Failsworth, the number of assessments is one thing, and the number of inhabited houses another, because it frequently happens that a gentleman is assessed for more property than one house; although there are only 170 assessments under 12*l.*, those 170 represent 557 houses. The township of Crumpsall immediately adjoins Cheetham Hill. Several of the streets in that direction run from Cheetham Hill into Crumpsall

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**Manchester.** without any marked difference being visible. The people, inhabiting these houses, I should say are almost altogether connected with Manchester, being employed there as warehousemen, clerks in offices, and so forth. In order to show the character of the population on the skirts of Cheetham township, I would just state this fact, that in 1860, out of 761 assessments, 730 were within that part of the township included in a two and a-half miles radius line from the Manchester Exchange, leaving only 31 assessments for the remaining part; certainly I think you will say more than one-half of that township. Then we pass on to the next township, marked No. 2 on the map. I am sorry to say that I have not received sufficient information as to the present position of Moston, but there are, perhaps, gentlemen here who will supply that information. One thing I have omitted in regard to Crumpsall. I will put in a paper which shows the basis for county rate in 1854 and 1864, and the population in 1851 and 1861, the acreage, and the population per acre. The valuation for the county rate in 1854 was 13,848*l.*, and in 1864 19,895*l.* The population in 1851 was 3,151, and in 1861 4,285. The acreage, according to the Ordnance survey, in statute measure, is 733 acres, giving a population of about 5½ per acre, whilst, as you will remark, the population of Harpurhey, which is already part of the borough of Manchester, is only 4 per acre. With respect to Moston, to which we will now return, I will call your attention to a similar statement regarding value and population. The value of property increased from 6,400*l.* in 1854 to 7,900*l.* in 1864, and the population from 904 in 1851 to 1,199 in 1861. The population per acre is, however, so small, that though I name this township, I do not press it upon the Commissioners as one they will be bound to include within the borough. There has been a great deal of building there within the past two years, still, up to the present, it has not increased to such an extent as to make it indisputably a part of Manchester; it is not so far continuous as to come positively within the definition of the Commissioners' duties.

**Mr. Cumin.]** We are bound to consider what has actually taken place, and the direction in which townships are increasing.

**Mr. Sudlow.]** I do not want to press anything unduly. Moston is a township lying beyond Harpurhey, which is already within the borough, and contains a population of only four per statute acre. No doubt in a few years the increase in Moston, as in Harpurhey, will be so great as to fairly entitle it to come within the borough; at present I do not say that it is so entitled. With respect to Droylsden, which is the next (I am taking a radius of three miles now), you will find it marked No. 3 on the map, and will observe that it lies a little to the south of Newton, which latter township is about three and a-half miles from the centre of Manchester, and is already a part of the borough. The gross number of assessments in Droylsden is 692. Within the three miles radius the number of assessments is 128; of these the number at 12*l.* and upwards is 69, and the number under 12*l.* 59, representing 273 tenements. Droylsden is a continuation of Manchester from the Bradford-road. It would be impossible to say where it begins and where Manchester ends. You will see that it extends a very considerable distance, I suppose five miles, from the centre of Manchester, and joins up, if I am

not mistaken, to the present borough of Ashton-under-Lyne. I understand that some portion of the inhabitants of Droylsden at that side of the township would like to be included with Ashton borough. Probably if the Commissioners think it desirable to extend the boundary line it could be best done by giving one-half of the township to Manchester and the other to Ashton.

**Mr. Talbot.]** Mr. Sudlow speaks of the feeling of these places. I should wish to know whether that gentleman is deputed to appear here for the inhabitants of townships which he insists on representing?

**Mr. Cumin.]** I think he said he was deputed by several gentlemen.

**Mr. Sudlow.]** Yes.

**Mr. Cumin (to Mr. Sudlow).]** We may ask you afterwards how far you represent any particular persons.

**Mr. Sudlow.]** I next come to Openshaw, No. 4 on the map. It is as strong an instance as any I shall name of the necessity for incorporation within the borough. The number of assessments there is 2,350, of which 228 are at 12*l.* and upwards, and more than 2,000 under 12*l.* The valuation in Openshaw in 1854 was 14,011*l.*, and in 1864 28,532*l.* The population was 3,759 in 1851, and 8,623 in 1861; and a memorandum at the bottom of the paper which I have received from the authorities in that township states that the present population is at least 11,000. The population per acre is 15 in that township higher than in several of the townships already forming part of the borough of Manchester. The streets of the township are continuous with those of Manchester, and the number of houses has increased very rapidly, in consequence of some very large works established there, which afford a large amount of occupation to the population. The fact of there being 2,000 assessments under 12*l.* shows the large aggregation of working men in the township.

**Mr. Cumin.]** What about the three mile limit?

**Mr. Sudlow.]** I propose to take in the whole of Openshaw. We next come to Gorton, and in that township I propose that you should, at all events, go to the three mile limit. The number of assessments in Gorton is 2,840, out of which number 2,376 are within a radius of three miles. The number of houses assessed at 12*l.* and upwards within that boundary is 420, and the number under 12*l.* 1,956. Gorton has increased in annual value from 17,100*l.* in 1854 to 41,400*l.* in 1864, and the population from 4,400 in 1851 to 9,900 in 1861. The number of population per acre is about six. The extremity of the township furthest from Manchester is not so densely populated as the other portion, but I think the Commissioners will say that it is utterly impossible not to include some portion of Gorton. I believe a radius line of three miles will include nearly the whole of the present population, but would not make any provision for future increase.

**Mr. Cumin.]** Is there a Local Board?

**Mr. Sudlow.]** There is. Then we come to Rusholme, marked No. 6 on the plan. I am directed to say that the whole of that township ought to be included within the new boundaries, and I have little doubt that the Commissioners will think so. The number of assessments in Rusholme is 838, of which 721 are at 12*l.* and upwards, and 117, representing 414 tenements, are under 12*l.* The valuation has increased from 25,800*l.* in 1854 to 33,000*l.* in 1864. The population



lation in 1851 was 3,679, and in 1861 5,380. The number of population to the acre was about six. Then we come to the township of Moss Side, which is wholly within the radius of two and a half miles. There has been a very great deal of building in it within the last few years, and it is still going on. I cannot give you all the figures that I could wish to do respecting that township, in consequence of the recent death of the collector, but in 1860 there were 465 assessments within the township, and 93 of them were assessed to an amount not exceeding 20*l.*, the rest being over that sum. At that time the character of the property was of a superior class, chiefly the residences of gentlemen, but of late years property of an inferior class has been built and is extending rapidly. The value has increased from 12,000*l.* in 1854 to 21,000*l.* in 1864, and the population from 940 in 1851 to 2,695 in 1861, and is at the rate of about six to the statute acre. Withington (No 8 on the map) comes next, and the Commissioners will see that it is at the extremity a very straggling boundary indeed. The figures with respect to that township are shortly these: Within the whole township there are 566 assessments, and within a radius of three miles 95; 94 of them are above 12*l.*, only one being under that amount, and that one representing four tenements. The Commissioners will see, I think, that that township is a continuation of Rusholme, that building is going on very freely in it, and that there is almost a continuous line of houses between Rusholme and it. Some provision ought to be made for this building extension up to a reasonable point, probably a three mile radius would comprise it. The population has increased from 12,000 in 1854 to 23,000 in 1864. It is in the proportion of only about one to the acre. With respect to Chorlton-cum-Hardy, marked No. 9 on the map, probably the Commissioners will think that either nothing should be done with it, or that only a very small portion of it should be included. The gross number of assessments in the township is 153, of which 69 are within a radius of three miles; 59 being at 12*l.* and upwards, and 10 under 12*l.* The population has really decreased during the last 10 years. It was 761 in 1851, and only 739 in 1861. The valuation, however, increased from 4,241*l.* to 6,193*l.* between 1854 and 1864. There is about 1½ acres to every inhabitant. I now come to Stretford, No. 10 on the map, and the circumstances with respect to it are rather peculiar. It extends in one direction to within about a mile and a half from the centre of Manchester, and in going over that township I should wish to call your attention particularly to two or three streets in the neighbourhood of Tamworth-street, which runs out of Stretford-road in Hulme, passing through the township of Stretford and coming out again in Moss Side. I think this is the case with some other streets. In going down those streets you will find continuous rows of houses, so that no one could mark a distinction where one township ends and another begins; houses of 12*l.* to 15*l.* per annum, inhabited by clerks and warehousemen, and so on, whose business is in Manchester. Stretford is partly occupied by that class. In 1860, out of 1,551 assessments, 710 were within that part of the township of Stretford which lies within two miles and a half of Manchester Exchange. You will see how very small a proportion that part within the circle appears to the rest of the township, and yet at the time of which I spoke that one-fourth contained

about one-half of the assessments in the whole township. The present position of the township is this: there are 2,101 assessments in the whole of it, and of these 1,196 are within a radius line of three miles. Of the 1,196, 977 are 12*l.* and upwards, and 219 representing, I suppose, 600 or 700 tenements, are under 12*l.* I believe there are some gentlemen who will press you to include the whole of this township of Stretford in the proposed new boundaries. I will not say a word in anticipation of what they may tell you, but just give you this slight information with respect to that township. It passes out of Hulme on the Stretford-road, goes on through some property of rather a superior class, until it comes to the Botanical Gardens. At a slight distance beyond there is the radius line of three miles. Probably a mile and a half beyond the gardens you come to the village of Stretford, in which a great deal of building is now going on, some of the houses being of good character, but the majority of them from 14*l.* to 15*l.* per annum. These houses are clustered around the centre of the village, and then between that village and the boundary, viz., the river Mersey (boundary between Lancashire and Cheshire), between the village of Stretford and the boundary of the township of Stretford, there is a large amount of agricultural land. There is no doubt, however, looking at the increase of population, that that land will soon be in the market for building purposes, and it will be for the Commissioners to say whether it is of such a character as to entitle it to be included at present within the boundaries. By the proposition that I have to submit to you, in these townships, taking the present figures something like 4,532 voters would be added to the register of the borough of Manchester, if the three miles boundary were adopted.

Mr. Cumin.] Do you include lodgers?

Mr. Sudlow.] No, I do not. I take the estimate from the assessments of the number of houses. If these occupiers are not included within the boundaries of the proposed borough of Manchester, they will be excluded altogether from the franchise. They are all under 12*l.*; they would be unable to vote in Manchester, and too low in assessments to be able to vote for the county; the whole of their interests and sympathies are centred in Manchester, and they are not in any way connected, except as residents, with the county districts. I may say candidly that I am here as a partisan, and anything I say may be tainted with the spirit of partisanship, but I am so confident in the truth of what I state that I have not overstated anything, that I should have been perfectly satisfied to leave this matter to the discretion of the Commissioners without a word. I think they will find that they cannot do less than include the districts I have mentioned within the proposed boundary.

Mr. Cumin.] How many would you say you represented in making these statements.

Mr. Sudlow.] I represent a large Conservative association.

Mr. Cumin.] Of how many does it consist?

Mr. Sudlow.] It numbers hundreds.

Mr. Cumin.] Have any meetings been held in the different townships in accordance with these views.

Mr. Sudlow.] There have been none. It was my distinct advice that there should not be any; but for that I think they would have been held.

Mr. Cumin.] How would you draw a boundary

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Manchester. if called upon to do so; would you draw a circuit such as you have here?

Mr. Sudlow.] I think so; of course the Commissioners know that it is no new plan to draw a radius line.

Mr. Cumin.] The usual thing is to go by some known boundary. In the instructions it is directed that a well-known boundary is to be followed, if convenient. You do not think any well-known boundary would exactly agree with your object.

Mr. Sudlow.] I say the whole of Crumpsall, the whole of Openshaw, the whole of Moss Side, the whole of Rusholme, and, with respect to the others, at least as much as would be taken in by a radius line of three miles.

Mr. Cumin.] What about Failsworth?

Mr. Sudlow.] I can quite confirm the statement, that the whole, or greater part, of the business connection of Failsworth is with Manchester, and not with Oldham.

Mr. Cumin.] Would you include the whole of Failsworth?

Mr. Sudlow.] I should say yes.

Lieutenant Colonel Gordon.] I have a line drawn out or described in writing. I wish you would say whether it embraces those parts which you think should be added to the boundaries. You can do this afterwards.

Mr. Sudlow.] I will do the best I can to give an answer.

Mr. W. Warburton.] Would any other person be heard? I think it hardly fair that Mr. Sudlow should take up so much time.

Mr. Cumin.] It is possible to have an adjournment, you know.

Mr. Talbot.] I was about to suggest that to the Commissioners.

Mr. Cumin.] If anyone wishes to take time to consider the statements already made, it is competent for us to have an adjournment.

Mr. Talbot (to Mr. Sudlow).] May I ask you whether the Conservative Society you refer to is a Manchester Association, or a county one?

Mr. Sudlow.] It is a society which embraces members from Manchester, and all within the Salford Hundred?

Mr. Talbot.] Have you any idea as to the number of acres of land not built upon in the present Parliamentary borough of Manchester?

Mr. Sudlow.] I do not know the extremity of Newton sufficiently well to form an exact opinion, but if you exclude that entirely, I should say a very small quantity.

Mr. Talbot.] Is not there a considerable quantity in Cheetham?

Mr. Sudlow.] Yes, there is, but it is getting built upon, and it is already in the borough.

Mr. Talbot.] What do you say about Newton?

Mr. Sudlow.] I cannot speak to it.

Mr. Talbot.] You cannot give any specific information as to the acreage unbuilt upon at present within the Parliamentary borough?

Mr. Sudlow.] There is in Cheetham, perhaps more than in any other township, a considerable portion of land unbuilt upon, but it is being rapidly absorbed in building, and in Crumpsall, which is beyond Cheetham, the building is very considerable indeed.

Mr. Talbot.] By the inclusion of various townships, in accordance with the views you have put forward, would much vacant unbuilt upon land be added?

Mr. Sudlow.] Unquestionably.

Mr. Talbot.] A very large quantity?

Mr. Sudlow.] I do not say that. We hope this settlement will last a lifetime; and I should say that within that period the whole of the vacant land would be built upon.

Mr. Talbot.] Do you know what proportion the population of Newton bears to the acreage?

Mr. Sudlow.] The population in Newton is nine to the acre.

Mr. Talbot.] You cannot say what amount of acreage you would add by this means.

Mr. Sudlow.] We have looked more to natural boundaries. The amount of building land would be absorbed.

Mr. Talbot.] Do you consider that all the land included in this three miles radius would be building land?

Mr. Sudlow.] I think so; unquestionably.

Mr. Talbot.] You appear to be of opinion that some 4,000 voters would be added to the register. Is it not probable that some of that number would already be in possession of the qualification for the city?

Mr. Sudlow.] That would be so with respect to residents in Moss Side and Rusholme, but not to a great extent.

Mr. Talbot.] Then do you consider that for the purpose of adding this number, subject to the reduction of which you speak, that it would be desirable to increase the area of the Parliamentary borough to the very large extent you propose?

Mr. Sudlow.] Whether it is advisable or not I have not considered. I do not vouch for the correctness of these figures; but looking at what the Commissioners have to inquire about, namely, how far these persons are interested in, and connected with the town of Manchester, I say the proposition I have ventured to submit to them is one that ought to be carried out; I do not go into the desirability or otherwise of admitting these voters.

Mr. Talbot.] Perhaps it will save time if I say that from the nature of the evidence now submitted, involving a great many statistics, it is desirable that opportunity should be given to the corporation to make their own enquiries, and if necessary bring some evidence before you. It may be convenient that I should now apply for an adjournment, after gentlemen wishing to give farther evidence have done so.

Mr. Cumin.] It will be convenient to have an adjournment, if the corporation can fix upon a day. What day would suit?

Mr. Talbot.] We are just now very much occupied with magisterial proceedings.

Mr. Cumin.] Saturday the 5th October would do for us, if it would do for the corporation.

[On the temporary understanding that that should be the date of the adjourned sitting, the enquiry was proceeded with.]

Mr. Frederick Chappell, Smith and Wheelwright, Bradford, Manchester, said:—I appear on behalf of a portion of one township named by the Conservative agent, that is Droylsden. The particular part I represent is Clayton. It is on the Ashton New Road, close to Bradford, there being only a canal dividing us. On hearing the Commissioners' opening remarks, it struck me forcibly that we belonged to the class referred to; that is, we consider ourselves part and parcel of the population of Manchester. Considering the number of dwelling-houses pulled down in Manchester, and how the inhabitants are driven to live within

within the surrounding townships, Clayton being about two and a quarter miles from Manchester Exchange, we have a claim to be included in the new boundary by the Commissioners. Clayton has been excluded from the jurisdiction of the Droylsden Local Board. It is very easy to distinguish the boundary between Manchester and Droylsden and between Clayton and Droylsden. There is about a mile and a half between the bulk of the population of Droylsden and Clayton, where there are very few houses indeed. Clayton, as I said, is within two and a quarter miles of Manchester Exchange, and only a quarter of a mile from a polling-booth. We have our supplies both of gas and water from the Manchester Corporation. Very many people who work in Clayton live in Manchester; in fact, we consider ourselves part and parcel of it. I represent some of the property owners as well as other ratepayers. The population is about 3,000, and there are about 180 assessments. If Droylsden is to be included with Ashton, we should not be taken along with it, because we are about four miles from Ashton.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] I am told that it would.

Mr. *Chappell*.] I have a fear lest the Commissioners should include it along with Droylsden, with Ashton rather than with Manchester. The bulk of Clayton lies only just over the canal. The township is excluded from the jurisdiction of the local board.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] It is not a township, but only a little hamlet in the township of Droylsden.

Mr. *J. H. Crossfield*, of Union-street, Ardwick, said:—I have been requested to appear before the Commissioners on behalf of one of the townships referred to by Mr. Sudlow, by an organization somewhat similar to that Mr. Sudlow represents, but of a different political character.

Mr. *Cumin*.] We only want to know how many you represent.

Mr. *Crossfield*.] About 200 people living in Openshaw and Gorton. They are chiefly compounders. Mr. Sudlow referred to Openshaw as a particularly strong case for incorporation with the borough. As to the number of population per acre, if the Commissioners refer to the map, they will see that Openshaw is a long narrow slip which is intersected by the highway to Ashton. The population is not exceedingly dense, but in consequence of there being only a small quantity of land on either side, it appears to be more thickly populated than some other parts referred to by Mr. Sudlow. Mr. Sudlow also states that there is a clear community of interest between the inhabitants of this township and Manchester. I do not think there is any community of interest. I do not think that any large proportion of the inhabitants of Openshaw and Gorton have any connection with Manchester. The population almost entirely depends upon large engineering establishments and railway companies works. In three such establishments about 5,000 persons are employed in these two townships, and from my own personal knowledge of the district extending over a period of some 20 years, I can say that very few of the inhabitants of these townships have any connection with Manchester by business employment. They are persons employed in the townships themselves.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] I stated so about Openshaw.

Mr. *Crossfield*.] I may also state that I have been in communication with men most conversant with local affairs in those townships, and they are strongly opposed to being brought within the

borough. My own clients consist chiefly of Manchester working men. I think Mr. Sudlow proceeds upon the assumption that those working men who have not votes for the county would be glad to have votes in the borough of Manchester, but I may state on their behalf that they are not at all anxious to have votes in connection with the borough, and upon this ground, that it would give them so infinitesimal an influence in regard to Parliamentary legislation, that it would be tantamount to nothing. There is no proposition to increase the number of representatives for Manchester, therefore to enlarge the area of representation is to deprive those brought in to a certain extent, of the influence which they might otherwise possess.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] I thought an additional Member was to be given for Manchester.

Mr. *Cumin*.] Has there been any meeting of these 200 people?

Mr. *Crossfield*.] There have been meetings of the committee who represent them. We can get at the sentiments of our clients better through the committee than by calling a public meeting. We have representatives in all the large workshops I have referred to.

Mr. *Cumin*.] You have no doubt that the whole of these 200 people coincide with your views?

Mr. *Crossfield*.] I sincerely believe that they do. We have been inquiring as to the state of feeling on this matter for some weeks past, and that I believe has been the conclusion come to by all concerned. I furthermore think that there is an obvious distinction between those places and the borough boundaries. Mr. Sudlow thinks differently. I have travelled the roads between Ardwick and Openshaw, and I can see a very clear distinction between them. There is a large space of open ground dividing Ardwick from Openshaw, consisting of brickfields and railway companies' land, and it will remain a good boundary between them.

Mr. *Mark Price*.] I live in Manchester, and my business is somewhat similar to Mr. Sudlow's. He is a party agent and a solicitor; I am an agent without being a solicitor. The gentleman who spoke to you last about Gorton and Openshaw omitted to mention one of the main reasons why the working men of those districts do not wish to be enfranchised at the present moment. They compound for their rates at present, and believe that as electors in future they would have to pay the same rent and the rates in addition, and they have no desire to buy their votes on that condition. Mr. Sudlow has told you that which no gentleman in this room can sanction, viz., that the townships he has mentioned are part and parcel of Manchester; that there is no dividing line. I don't know how any gentleman can say there is no division between Manchester and Stretford. There is a space of open land sufficient to build another Manchester upon between Manchester and the village of Stretford.

Mr. *Cumin*.] You say the village is beyond the three-mile limit.

Mr. *Price*.] There is a space of land equal to five of the metropolitan boroughs, which contain 2,000,000 of inhabitants. Then there is between Manchester and Droylsden a broad belt of purely agricultural land, and it would be as reasonable to unite Liverpool with Birkenhead, as to join Droylsden with Manchester. I say if Manchester is to be made the size Mr. Ludlow defines, with-



Manchester. — out having anyone to represent, excepting half-a-dozen Tories —

Mr. Cumin.] We simply want to ascertain facts. What do you say to Moss Side?

Mr. Price.] At this moment it has not 50 houses, the occupiers of which would not be enfranchised under the Bill without being brought into Manchester. The gist of Mr. Sudlow's employers and himself is to lessen the effect of an extension of the franchise in the counties by eliminating all these people.

Mr. Cumin.] That is not material to this inquiry. We want to ascertain facts. It is a mere question "Whether the boundaries should be enlarged so as to include within the limits of the borough all premises which ought to be included therein, for the purpose of conferring upon the occupiers thereof the Parliamentary franchise."

Colonel Gordon.] What we have to do, is to see if the town population overflows beyond the borough boundaries.

Mr. Price.] If that had been the scope of the remarks to which I am endeavouring to reply, I should not have spoken. It was hearing statements put before you by a gentleman professing to represent districts that have no representative here, and that do not desire to come into Manchester. I am personally acquainted with the people; I have consulted their wishes on the matter, and I know that they have no desire to come into Manchester.

Colonel Gordon.] You think these districts Mr. Sudlow alludes to do not wish —

Mr. Price.] Most certainly they do not, and this is not opinion, it is fact, ascertained by intimate association with the people of whom I speak. Gorton and Openshaw have a distinct wish not to be incorporated in Manchester, and not to vote till they can do so in the place where they reside.

Mr. Cumin.] Do you dispute the statistics given as to population, the number of houses, &c.?

Mr. Price.] No, I am not prepared to do that; for the most part they may be right. What we say is, that between the places he names and Manchester proper, there are vast tracts of land having no houses upon them, and not likely to have within the next 50 years.

Mr. Sudlow.] The figures are taken from the new assessments for the county of Lancaster, published by Mather, of Preston.

Mr. Frederick Clayton, of Hulme.] I am an insurance agent.

Mr. Sudlow.] A political agent of —

Mr. Clayton.] Insurance agent. I appear as the representative of a working class organisation in Manchester, numbering some 500 or 600, also as a ratepayer of Manchester. In the first place, I am instructed by the committee to oppose the introduction of Failsworth into the Parliamentary boundary of Manchester.

Mr. Cumin.] Do a large number of your members reside at Failsworth?

Mr. Clayton.] A few of them; I cannot say how many. So far as Failsworth is concerned I am directed to say, that it is the only plot of land which divides the borough of Oldham from the Parliamentary borough of Manchester, and that consequently, if you embrace Failsworth you at once join the two boroughs, and it would be scarcely possible to find another instance of the kind.

A Voice.] You have Manchester and Salford?

Mr. Clayton.] Here is a village of some 2,000 inhabitants, lying almost nearer to Oldham than Manchester. As to community of interest I understand that the yarn manufactured in the Failsworth Mills is of the same class as that made in Oldham, a coarse class of yarn?

Major Clark.] That is not so.

Mr. Clayton.] There is little community of interest between Failsworth and Manchester. I wish to point out that Clayton is in the parish of Ashton-under-Lyne, and has no connection with Manchester. It has been left out by the local boards of both Droylsden and Bradford. It should be borne in mind, that in Clayton the poor's rate is collected along with the Droylsden poor's rate, and along with it is disposed of in the Ashton-under-Lyne Union. Hence Clayton has no claim whatever to be part and parcel of Manchester. Mr. Sudlow says, with regard to Droylsden, that you could not tell where it ends and Manchester begins; but on the Droylsden new road there is nearly a mile and a half where you can scarcely find a house. I wish to point out that Droylsden has no wish to be added to Manchester. I state this because they have made application to be added to Ashton-under-Lyne. The application was made the other day, and it was arranged with the Commissioner that a public meeting should be held in Droylsden, to ascertain the wishes of the people of that locality. Droylsden is part and parcel of Ashton-under-Lyne Union. They send two guardians to that Union at the present time. As to the three-mile radius, of which Mr. Sudlow speaks, I believe there is only one such radius boundary throughout the country, that of Oldham. A glance at the map will suffice, I think, to convince any reasonable individual, that the proposal to take a radius from any point in Manchester would be almost impracticable. We have 21,000 voters upon the list in Manchester now, and from enquiries I have made of the overseers and others, that number will be increased to something like 50,000, under the New Reform Act. It therefore appears to me that if you take in all these townships, these ten places which Mr. Sudlow has referred to, you will make Manchester an altogether impracticable Parliamentary borough. For instance—the question was asked by the Assistant Town Clerk as to the number of acres that would be added by his proposal, and I think if Mr. Sudlow had given that information it would have been better. I believe the number of acres in the 10 places he wishes to be brought within the borough would amount to 14,000.

Mr. Talbot.] The present average is 6,025 acres?

Mr. Clayton.] It appears then that Mr. Sudlow would more than double the present average. He would bring it up to a total of about 20,000 acres. The thing is ridiculous on the face of it.

Mr. Sudlow.] The acreage of the 10 townships you say is about 14,000 acres, but that estimate would be far in excess of what I really propose to include. I only take parts of some of the townships?

Mr. Clayton.] It would, as I said before, have been well if Mr. Sudlow had told us what was the number of acres which he proposed to include. But whether 14,000, or 12,000, or 10,000, it is evident he proposes to more than double the acreage.

Mr. Cumin.] In any part, all round the borough of Manchester, do you think there is any increase of buildings whatever?

Mr.



Mr. Clayton.] Oh yes, certainly.

Mr. Cumin.] And is there any increase of persons who have a community of interest with Manchester?

Mr. Clayton.] I do not think there is.

Mr. Cumin.] In no part?

Mr. Clayton.] In no part. I believe the interests are separate and distinct in these cases, just as are those of Westminster and the City of London. I propose to make some further observations with regard to Withington, and some other places, when Mr. Sudlow states exactly what he proposes.

Mr. Sudlow.] I have stated already what I mean to state.

Mr. Clayton.] If you are to add these places to the borough of Manchester, I would like to know whether there is to be any county of Lancaster. I think we are bound to respect the present lines of the constitution to a great extent, and if we are to throw Manchester, and Oldham, and Ashton, and Stalybridge, and other boroughs, together, simply dividing them by certain Parliamentary lines, I would like to know whether the whole representation, so far as the county is concerned, does not become a mere farce? This question will require very careful consideration in this district, where there are so many boroughs near to each other. The great question we have to determine is not how many agricultural districts there are between them, but how can we keep county interests alive? If you throw the boroughs altogether you will open the way to electoral districts.

Colonel Gordon.] That would not come within our consideration.

Mr. Clayton.] Would Levenshulme come within the three miles line?

Mr. Warburton.] Part of it.

Mr. Sudlow.] It is beyond the three mile line.

Mr. Chappell.] The gentleman has stated that no portion of these districts are anxious to be joined with Manchester; I contend that the interests of Clayton and Manchester are identical, and the overseer of my township and several of the property owners specially desired me to attend here this morning, and put forward that view of the case. We do not want to go to Ashton, but to Manchester.

Mr. Thomas Barningham, Coal and Coke Agent, Cheetham.]—I am the owner of 21 houses in Clayton, and my tenants, as a rule, have expressed a wish to come to Manchester. Many of the workpeople living in Clayton are Manchester people, and have been driven out of Ancoats by the pulling down of buildings in connection with railway extension. We have no local board. It has been endeavoured to be shown that we belong to Droylsden, and the question of forming an independent local board of our own has been discussed since.

Colonel Gordon.] What is the population?

Mr. Barningham.] Three thousand. The rateable value is about 8,000 *l*.

Mr. Talbot.] Do your tenants compound?

Mr. Barningham.] No.

Mr. Talbot.] They pay their own rates?

Mr. Barningham.] I pay them; but there is no composition.

Mr. W. Gartside, Estate Agent.] I live at the Cathedral Hotel, Manchester, and my office is No. 15, St. Anne's-square. I appear as representative.

Manchester. sending the Executive Committee of the Constitutional Association.

Mr. Cumin.] How many persons?—I cannot give you the precise number in the different districts around Manchester, but it amounts to some thousands, 2,700 of whom are within the borough of Manchester, over 400 of our vice-presidents being merchants and professional gentlemen in Manchester. I have been exceedingly anxious that a part of Prestwich, a portion of Rooden-lane, should be included; also Crumpsall, Blackley, Moston, Clayton, Droylsden (that portion not already proposed to be included with Ashton-under-Lyne), Fairfield, Gorton, Openshaw, Levenshulme, Withington, and Didbury.

Major Clark.] Not Failsforth?

Mr. Gartside.] That is included also.

Mr. Cumin.] What is your extreme circuit?

Mr. Gartside.] We have placed it at a five miles radius from the centre of Manchester. Only one corner, however, touches upon the five miles; greater part of it would come within four miles. We go beyond Mr. Sudlow.

Mr. W. Warburton.] Does it take in Bowdon?

Mr. Sudlow.] Bowdon is in Cheshire, 10 miles off. The question is only asked to waste the time of the Court.

Mr. Gartside.] The reason for including the districts within this circuit is that most of them are rapidly increasing in size, and that building is going on to a great extent in them. As buildings are from day to day being pulled down in Manchester, people are driven more and more into the outskirts, and the only way to give them the franchise is to extend the boundaries of the borough. Any gentleman travelling over the outskirts will find, even on the spots indicated by Mr. Clayton, that building is rapidly proceeding, that streets are forming all along in a way which makes it impossible to distinguish those townships from Manchester. With regard to Openshaw, we know that it has sprung up more like magic than anything else. If we are to judge of the next 30 years by the 30 years which has followed the passing of the last Reform Bill, I think you would find that the radius marked red on that plan would be scarcely sufficient to meet the requirements of the case. The radius line has been taken along turnpike roads, and other well-known boundaries. The statistics mentioned by Mr. Sudlow will in most instances apply to these townships.

Mr. Cumin.] You would not be satisfied with Mr. Sudlow's proposition?

Mr. Gartside.] No, because we think ours are considerably better.

Mr. W. Warburton.] Both these gentlemen profess to represent the same society.

Mr. Cumin.] We have nothing to do with that.

Mr. Warburton.] We have this to do with it: if two gentlemen, professing to represent the same society, come here, and one makes one request and one another, it proves that neither of them represent it.

Mr. Cumin.] We have only to ascertain facts, and have nothing to do with any society, except to ascertain the number of persons represented. We do not care whether they are Conservatives or Liberals, or anything else.

Mr. Warburton.] Neither do I; but if they profess to represent the same parties, they cannot both do it.

Mr. Clayton.] I suppose the return furnished by

Manchester. Mr. Sudlow, includes the total population of the districts he wishes to include.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] It does; I believe it will amount to 50,000 according to the census of 1861.

Mr. *Clayton*.] I think it would be 100,000 at least now.

Mr. *Edward Harrop*, Collector of district and highway rates at Levenshulme said: I appear to advocate the inclusion of Levenshulme within the borough. It is a compact little township within a mile of the present Parliamentary borough of Manchester, and within three miles of the municipal borough. We have a local board; we return one guardian for Chorlton Union; Manchester supplies us with gas and water. The occupiers are of a very mixed character; I believe in one portion of the township no building can be erected of less rental than 14*l.* or 15*l.*; on the other portions are cottages, and so forth. With respect to the remarks of the gentleman from Hulme as to the county representation, I would say that we are decidedly a borough population, and that is a good reason to my mind why we should not be mixed up with the county districts. As to Droylsden, I would like to suggest that if one part of it is to be taken by Ashton-under-Lyne, the other part should be taken by Manchester; it would be very unfair for either Levenshulme or Clayton to be left outside, in making new boundaries; I appear here in my own individual capacity.

Mr. *Cumin*.] Would any other gentleman like to say anything.

Mr. *Clayton*.] I would suggest, that during the adjournment, meetings on this subject should be held in the places concerned.

Mr. *Cumin*.] I think it would be very desirable, but that is for the people themselves to consider.

Colonel *Gordon*.] It would be satisfactory to have such meetings.

Mr. *Clayton*.] I think it very desirable that in all these places proposed to be brought within the boundary line, the inhabitants should have an opportunity of expressing their opinions about the matter.

Mr. *Cumin*.] The object of this advertisement was partly that they should be enabled to hold their meetings.

Mr. *Warburton*.] I wish to caution the Commissioners against relying on some of the state-

ments made here to day; Mr. Sudlow is sent here, but has no personal knowledge of the districts he speaks of.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] I beg your pardon, I have.

Alderman *Nicholls*.] Would it be convenient to adjourn to some more distant day than Saturday, particularly as time will be required for these meetings to be held.

Mr. *Clayton*.] If a day distinct from Saturday could be selected, I think it would be well; Saturday is an awkward day.

Thursday the 10th October at 11 o'clock, a.m., was ultimately appointed as the day for the next sitting.

Colonel *Gordon*.] Would the district within the following line embrace what may be termed the overflow of the population of Manchester since the last Parliamentary borough was fixed: namely, from the borough boundary on Cheetham Hill-road, along that road to the White Smithy Turnpike, thence along Rochdale Old-road to Crumpsall-lane, along this lane past Crumpsall-green and Bong's farm to end of lane near the same, thence in a straight line to the weir in the River Irk to where the river is cut by the parish boundary of Blackley, thence down this boundary to the Parliamentary boundary along the present Parliamentary borough to Clayton Bridge, down Edge-lane to Moorfield-place, Little Droylsden, then by Dunkerley's-lane and Lee's-lane to Abbey Hey Bridge; thence by the Manchester and Stockport Canal to Nico ditch, along Nico ditch to Birch Cottage, thence along the lane to the parish boundary at Withington, along this parish boundary to its junction with the parish boundary of Chorlton-cum-Hardy, along this boundary to Trafford lane, down Trafford-lane to Stretford-road, thence along this lane to the Throstle Nest Cottage, thence down the lane to the Throstle Nest weir, and thence up the river to the borough boundary.

Mr. *Sudlow* (*after examining the plan*.) I should say it would, but I would suggest that the boundary of Crumpsall be taken as the Parliamentary boundary.

Mr. *Talbot*.] The matter shall have the best attention of those representing the Council.

The proceedings were then formally adjourned to the 10th October.

## PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARIES OF MANCHESTER.

ADJOURNED INQUIRY before Lieutenant Colonel *Gordon*, R.E., and *Patrick Cumin*, Esq.,  
Barrister-at-Law, Assistant Boundary Commissioners.

Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Manchester, 10 October 1867.

Mr. *Cumin*.] WE are here this morning to receive evidence which any one may like to tender with respect to this inquiry. If there are any memorials to present from the various townships, it might be convenient to present them at once.

Mr. *Samuel Lee Chadwick*.] I reside at Warren House, Failsforth. I appear here at the request

of the Chairman of the Local Board of that place, to present a memorial which was ordered to be drawn up at their meeting last Thursday, in support of the memorial already presented to the Commissioners by the Annexation Committee. The Local Board, in this document, beg to assure the Commissioners, that the prayer of the memorial is strictly



strictly in accordance with the wish of the inhabitants as twice expressed by public meetings officially and legally convened by the Board, and they trust the Commissioners will see fit to make the recommendations asked for in the memorial when they report to Parliament. The memorial is signed by Major Clark and the whole of the Board. The newspapers seemed to represent that the previous memorial was presented by the Local Board. It was not so; it was on behalf of a public meeting at which Major Clark presided.

Mr. *Cumin.*] Is there any other memorial?

Mr. *Thomas Hayes*, Failsworth.] I have another memorial from the Co-operative Society of Failsworth.

Mr. *Cumin.*] How many people belong to it?

Mr. *Hayes.*] Eight hundred and thirty-seven.

Mr. *Cumin.*] How many of them live at Failsworth?

Mr. *Hayes.*] I cannot say exactly, but the major part considerably.

Mr. *Cumin.*] Were these the same people who were present at the meeting over which Major Clark presided? Does the memorial represent different people, or the same over again?

Mr. *Hayes.*] Some few of them might have been present at the meeting where Major Clark was chairman.

Mr. *Cumin.*] Are they rate-payers?

Mr. *Hayes.*] Almost without exception; I will read the memorial.

Mr. *Cumin.*] Was notice given of that meeting?

Mr. *Hayes.*] It was an ordinary monthly meeting of the society.

Mr. *Cumin.*] Was notice given that this memorial was to be considered?

Mr. *Hayes.*] No.

Mr. *Cumin.*] How many were present?

Mr. *Hayes.*] There might be 50. The members do not largely attend generally. It was a fully average meeting.

The Town Clerk.] What is the population of Failsworth; nearly 6,000?

Mr. *Hayes.*] It is something over 5,000.

Mr. *Cumin.*] Any other memorial?

Another resident in Failsworth (name not mentioned). The overseers have met, and there is a memorial from them, but they are not here yet.

Mr. *J. H. Crossfield*, of Ardwick.] I have to present a memorial promoted by the Openshaw and Gorton Branch of the National Reform Union. We have about 200 enrolled members.

Mr. *Cumin.*] How many does the memorial represent?

Mr. *Crossfield.*] It is signed by 500 householders in the two townships.

Mr. *Cumin.*] Are they all ratepayers?

Mr. *Crossfield.*] They are chiefly compounders; I may mention that amongst the signatures are those of three female householders. "The memorial of the undersigned residents in the townships of Openshaw and Gorton, respectfully sheweth, that they demur to the townships being brought within the Parliamentary borough for the following reasons: 1st, that they would become liable to be personally rated, which would subject them to inconvenience and increased burdens; 2ndly, that the present constituency of Manchester is already unwieldy and inadequately represented, and that the proposed extension would greatly aggravate these evils; thirdly, that the conferring of the borough franchise upon the residents in the townships surrounding Manchester, under the present circumstances of inadequate representation and limited voting for two out of

three representatives, will be no other than a mockery; and, fourthly, that there is no strict community of interest between these townships and Manchester; and that if it be held that the inhabitants of these townships are a borough population, the only reasonable procedure is to constitute them a separate borough, and give them that representation which is at present most unjustly conferred on boroughs containing less population, less property, and less intelligence." I have also been requested to introduce a deputation from a township meeting held in Openshaw on Tuesday evening, convened by the overseers, by a large bill, presided over by Mr. Kenworthy, one of the overseers, and attended by 200 people, whom we believe to be householders.

Mr. *Joseph James Kenworthy.*] I produce the placard calling the meeting referred to by Mr. Crossfield. Is it necessary to read it?

Mr. *Cumin.*] No.

Mr. *Kenworthy.*] These are the resolutions objecting to annexation with Manchester.

Mr. *Cumin.*] Was there any discussion?

Mr. *Kenworthy.*] Yes. There was a numerous attendance; about 200 persons, chiefly working men being present, and only seven or nine of them dissented to the purport of these resolutions.

The Town Clerk.] There was an amendment to the effect that you should be included in the borough of Manchester, and nine voted for that; the rest of the meeting being against it?

Mr. *Kenworthy.*] Yes.

Mr. *Crossfield.*] The following minute was adopted at the meeting.

The gentlemen named were all present.

Mr. *Sudlow.*] How many people out of Gorton were there?

Mr. *Crossfield.*] I did not recognise anyone from Gorton. I know they had a meeting of a similar kind at Gorton, and that most of the friends there interested in our petition were present at it. A deputation from that meeting is present this morning with a similar request.

Mr. *Sudlow.*] That memorial seems to assume that the Corporation of Manchester would be extended to Openshaw also?

Mr. *Crossfield.*] It was assumed that that would be the probable result.

Mr. *Sudlow.*] It was also understood that, in the event of the ratepaying clauses being repealed, they would not object to join Manchester?

Mr. *Crossfield.*] There would still be the greatest objection, because we should not be efficiently represented.

Mr. *Sudlow.*] It says that in the present state of the matter it is not desirable?

Mr. *Crossfield.*] That is one reason, but not the main reason?

Mr. *Sudlow.*] Do you think there would be a strong objection to union with Manchester if the ratepaying clauses did not exist?

Mr. *Crossfield.*] Not so strong.

Mr. *Sudlow.*] Then it comes to this, that if you cannot get a vote on your own terms you won't have it yourself nor let anybody else.

Mr. *Crossfield.*] Not so; we have been endeavouring to promote the extension of the franchise in the township for several years.

Mr. *Cumin.*] The principal ground here is that of compounding.

Mr. *Sudlow.*] And that is one which I think the Commissioners have nothing to do with.

The Town Clerk.] There is another ground.

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Manchester. Mr. Sudlow forgets that that memorial states that something like 300 persons in the township entitled to county votes, and that they object to have those votes swamped in a borough constituency of over 50,000.

Mr. Crossfield.] That is the reason.

The Town Clerk.] Do you consider that there is any community of interest between Gorton and Openshaw and Manchester, any more than between any other populous district in that division of the county and Manchester?

Mr. Crossfield.] I stated at the first meeting here that the population is almost entirely dependent on large machine shops which do not even supply machinery to Manchester; they supply the railways in this country, on the Continent, and elsewhere, with locomotive engines, carriages, and so forth; about 5,000 of the inhabitants are employed in these works.

The Town Clerk.] They are not engaged in the local manufactures; they do not go to and from Manchester in pursuing their usual occupation?

Mr. Crossfield.] I think very few of them do.

Mr. Cumin.] Did any report of this meeting appear in the newspapers?

The Town Clerk.] Yes, in the "Guardian;" it is a very short paragraph, referring to the two meetings.

Mr. Cumin.] What was the nature of the amendment?

The Town Clerk.] An amendment was moved to the effect that they should be united with Manchester as part of the borough; that was moved and seconded.

Mr. Crossfield.] It was moved and seconded by persons not resident in the township; a number of strangers were present, and I am told by a gentleman well acquainted with the fact that about eight were members of the Constitutional Association from Salford.

Mr. Cumin.] That is a mere matter of hearsay.

The Town Clerk.] How many voted for the amendment?

Mr. Crossfield.] The Chairman said seven, and some persons in the meeting said nine.

The Town Clerk.] We will give them credit for nine; we will say there were nine in the meeting who wished to be joined with Manchester; how many voted against the amendment?

Mr. Crossfield.] The clerk of the overseers estimated that there were 200 present, and I believe all, except the nine, held up their hands for the original resolution.

Mr. Sudlow.] How many assessments are there in the township of Openshaw; about 2,500?

Mr. Crossfield.] About that number.

Mr. Cumin.] Have you anything to add?

Mr. Crossfield.] We have had considerable difficulty in restraining the wives of householders who have been called upon from signing the memorial I have presented; they seemed to have an intuitive perception of what personal ratepaying means; if we had brought a deputation from them, I have no doubt we should have had sufficient eloquence to overcome the blandishments of Mr. Sudlow.

Mr. Kenworthy.] The Openshaw people have not as much as an office in Manchester. I may also state, as I was at the meeting, that I saw these strangers present, and enquired whether there were any persons there not inhabitant householders of the township of Openshaw as, I said, I did not want a packed meeting, but a fair re-

presentation according to the programme; it subsequently appeared that those strangers were the very individuals who tried to negative the feeling of the inhabitants of Openshaw.

Mr. Clayton.] I would like to ask whether, leaving the extension of the municipal boundaries of Manchester out of the question, the inhabitant householders of Openshaw do wish to have the Parliamentary borough extended to any such limits as have been suggested?

Mr. Kenworthy.] There was an unanimous feeling against it on the part of all who spoke at the meeting, except one individual who appeared to me to be a stranger.

The Town Clerk.] You are an overseer of the poor; are you chairman of the local board?

Mr. Kenworthy.] I am an overseer, and was chairman of this meeting.

Mr. W. G. Newton.] I am chairman of the Openshaw Local Board, and was present at the meeting which has been referred to.

Mr. Cumin.] Was anything said at the meeting about the municipal part of the question?

Mr. Newton.] It was slightly alluded to in Mr. Crossfield's first explanation of the effect the enlargement of the boundaries of the Parliamentary borough of Manchester might have upon Openshaw.

Mr. Cumin.] Would you say from your knowledge of the district, that they do not want the Parliamentary franchise?

Mr. Newton.] I believe the inhabitants of the township are not desirous of being included in the Parliamentary borough.

Mr. Cumin.] I did not ask that question. Do you say that the majority of the inhabitants of that district do not want the Parliamentary franchise at all?

Mr. Newton.] I believe they do not under present circumstances.

Mr. Cumin.] I said at all.

Mr. Newton.] They would not take it as it is now. The small number of votes in Openshaw would have so little effect upon the representation of Manchester; but they think the borough vote under these circumstances hardly worth having.

Mr. Clayton.] I think, Mr. Commissioner, it was hardly a fair question to ask if they did not want the franchise?

The Town Clerk.] They object to have the franchise except on terms satisfactory to them; they object to it on the terms suggested by our friend, Mr. Sudlow.

Mr. Cumin.] You say they do not object to it under particular circumstances, but object to have it in this particular mode of being joined to Manchester; that is what I understand you to mean?

Mr. Newton.] Yes.

The Town Clerk.] The inhabitants of Openshaw have no direct connection with Manchester, so far as regards their business, and the mode in which they obtain their living?

Mr. Newton.] As to having direct connection with Manchester, they must have to a certain extent.

The Town Clerk.] But no more than the people of Oldham, or any other populous district within a certain distance of Manchester, might be said to have?

Mr. Sudlow.] Where do they get their water and gas from?

Mr. Newton.] From Manchester.

Mr. Sudlow.] To what market do they go?

Mr. Newton.] To Manchester, I believe.

Mr. Cumin.]

Mr. Cumin.] What do you understand by community of interest?

Mr. Newton.] That persons residing in the township must be identical with the same kind of persons residing in Manchester.

Mr. Cumin.] That is your notion of it; what do you say is the relationship in that respect between the inhabitants of Openshaw and the inhabitants of Manchester?

Mr. Newton.] The people of the township are principally employed in iron works, though there are two cotton mills.

Mr. Cumin.] Because they are in a certain district, therefore they have no community of interest beyond that district?

Mr. Newton.] I say they have a community of interest, to a certain extent, with Manchester.

The Town Clerk.] How do the people of Openshaw get their living? The bulk of the population receive their wages in Openshaw for work they obtain there?

Mr. Newton.] Yes.

Mr. Cumin.] Have they more community of interest with the county than with Manchester?

Mr. Newton.] I should think not.

Mr. Cumin.] They have not any community of interest with people in the county?

Mr. Newton.] They have a sort of community with the farmers.

Mr. Cumin.] Is there much farm land in Openshaw?

Mr. Newton.] Not a very great deal. The whole of Openshaw is only about 500 acres.

Mr. Sudlow.] And it is pretty well covered with cottages and big works?

Mr. Newton.] Yes.

Colonel Gordon.] I see from the placard that the subject of rates was brought rather prominently forward at the meeting?

Mr. Newton.] The subject of rates was brought forward by Mr. Crossfield in his introductory remarks at the meeting.

Colonel Gordon.] The population is about 8,000?

Mr. Newton.] More, I should think.

Mr. Cumin.] It is 8,623.

Mr. Sudlow.] The overseer tells me in a note I have from him, that it is 11,000.

Mr. Cumin.] Nine thousand, at least, now. When was the notice of the meeting posted?

Mr. Newton.] On Saturday, I believe.

Mr. Sudlow.] Was it extensively posted?

Mr. Newton.] I saw it in many of the shop windows.

Mr. Sudlow.] Was the meeting advertised in the papers?

Mr. Newton.] I don't know that it was; it was a larger meeting than we usually have in our township.

Mr. Crossfield.] The bills were posted on Friday for the meeting on Tuesday following.

The Town Clerk.] Your memorial is signed by 500 persons, and there were 200 at the meeting, was not that so?

Mr. Crossfield.] Yes; of the 500 who signed, 300 were from Openshaw, and 200 from Gorton.

Mr. Cumin.] Is any one here who went round with this document to be signed? Do you know whether many people refused to sign it?

Mr. Crossfield.] The document was chiefly or largely signed in some of the workshops, and several of our committee went from house to house to get other signatures. They only re-

ceived two or three refusals, and one of them was from a person *non compos mentis*.

Mr. Cumin.] I suppose they would have got more signatures if they could?

Mr. Crossfield.] They had only about two days to do it in.

Mr. Cumin.] Is there any memorial on the other side?

Mr. Sudlow.] No.

The Town Clerk.] Except Mr. Sudlow, who represents himself and almost everybody else here.

Mr. Thomas Barningham, Coal and Coke Agent.] I am one of a deputation from Clayton. The deputation was appointed at a public meeting, held last night.

Mr. Cumin.] When was notice of the meeting given?

Mr. Barningham.] It was given rather hurriedly. The bellman was sent round the whole district yesterday, about mid-day, and it resulted in a meeting that about filled the National school-room.

Mr. Cumin.] The school-room just by the church?

Mr. Barningham.] Yes; I should think 200 persons were present; I hold in my hand the resolution passed at the meeting. It reads thus: "At a public meeting of the inhabitants of Clayton, held in the Church school-room, on Wednesday evening, 9th October 1867,—Resolved, unanimously, that in the opinion of this meeting it is undesirable that Clayton should be included in the Parliamentary boundaries of Manchester. Signed on behalf of the meeting, Thomas Smith, Chairman."

Mr. Cumin.] Some one appeared on the other side at the last meeting?

Mr. Chappel.] I appeared with this gentleman [Mr. Barningham.] He now appears to oppose union with Manchester; last time he advocated it.

Mr. Barningham.] That can be explained. I came here at the last sitting, not intending to take any part in the matter. Since then I have been determined that the feeling of the people should be really ascertained. As the Commissioners seemed to think it desirable that a meeting of the inhabitants should be called, I felt as though the onus of calling it devolved on those present when that opinion was expressed. The fact of my taking a different position now from what I did before, proves that my views are honest. I went up to Clayton yesterday, and as no one else seemed moving in the matter, I instructed a party to send the bellman round. It resulted in a meeting such as I was astonished to see. I should say there were twice as many people as are here this morning.

Colonel Gordon.] What did the bellman say?

Mr. Barningham.] That a meeting would be held to take into consideration the desirability of being included in the Parliamentary borough.

Mr. Cumin.] Did you hear him giving notice yourself?

Mr. Barningham.] No.

The Town Clerk.] The bellman seemed to be effective in getting a large meeting?

Mr. Barningham.] Very effective. The rector granted the use of the school-room, and there was a very large meeting who passed the resolution I have read. That is the reason I now appear before you in a different character than I was supposed to do before.

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Manchester.

Mr. Cumin.] What is the population of the place?

Mr. Chappel.] About 3,000.

Mr. Cumin (to Mr. Barningham).] Do you agree to that?

Mr. Barningham.] Yes; it is, perhaps, rather under 3,000.

Mr. Cumin.] Clayton is a parish, is it not? 3,000 within what limits?

Mr. Barningham.] We join Droylsden.

Mr. Cumin.] You mean in the hamlet merely?

Mr. Barningham.] Yes.

Mr. Clayton.] It is a hamlet in the parish of Ashton-under-Lyne.

The Town Clerk.] There is a division called Clayton?

Mr. Chappel.] It is excluded from the Droylsden Board of Health. The division was fixed by the Commissioners who came down to fix the limits of the Board of Health. The main portion of the inhabitants reside just over the canal.

The Town Clerk.] It is in that district that the inhabitants are said to be about 3,000?

Mr. Chappel.] Yes; the boundary is defined by the plan laid down at the last meeting. It is defined by the boundaries fixed by the Commissioners when they appointed the boundary for the Local Board of Health.

Mr. Barningham.] The boundaries of Clayton would reach Newton Heath, Openshaw, and Manchester.

The Town Clerk.] Nearer Manchester than Droylsden?

Mr. Chappel.] The boundary is fixed at Edge-lane. It goes to the right of Edge-lane, and goes down to Little Droylsden.

The Town Clerk.] You say there is a district of about a mile and a-half almost destitute of buildings, between Clayton and Droylsden?

Mr. Chappel.] Yes.

Mr. Barningham.] In moving amongst the people yesterday, and at the meeting, I found that a large portion of the people of Clayton are employed at Openshaw; and this would make a little difference in my views in reference to community of interest with Manchester. They are employed in iron works, locomotive engine building, and so on, and are not connected with Manchester.

Colonel Gordon.] Who presided at the meetings?

Mr. Barningham.] Mr. Thomas Smith.

Colonel Gordon.] And there were 200 present?

Mr. Barningham.] At least that.

The Town Clerk.] Were you at the meeting?

Mr. Barningham.] Yes.

The Town Clerk.] I suppose you would be a sort of neutral party?

Mr. Barningham.] So much so, that I declined to move any resolution. I determined it should be a spontaneous burst of the simplicity and candour of the people. Having taken an apparently different course at the previous sitting here, I wanted simply to know their feeling. I was the instrument of the meeting being called. No one else took an active part in the matter; and the Commissioner had expressed a wish that a meeting should be called.

Mr. Cumin.] When you go out of Manchester towards Clayton, can you tell where Manchester ends and Clayton begins? I went yesterday, and had some difficulty in finding it out?

Mr. Barningham.] I could not tell it to a hundred yards.

Mr. Cumin.] Can you tell within 300 yards?

Mr. Barningham.] Yes.

Mr. Cumin.] From the appearance of the houses and people?

Mr. Barningham.] I am not aware that there would be a difference in either the houses or people.

Mr. Cumin.] Then how could you tell?

Mr. Barningham.] I could tell it by walking along.

Mr. Cumin.] You say you cannot tell it by the houses or people, then what by?

Mr. Clayton.] The gentleman does not seem to know where the Parliamentary boundary does end.

Mr. Cumin.] You say there is no community of interest between Clayton and Manchester?

Mr. Barningham.] The occupiers of a few houses on this side Clayton may have community of interest. But I speak of Clayton proper, after you get over the canal. It is of the people there that I say a large proportion of them work across at Openshaw, and Newton Heath, both of which have ironworks that do not seem to look to Manchester at all for existence.

Mr. Clayton.] I would like to ask the gentleman if he knows where the Parliamentary boundary of Manchester ends in that locality?

Mr. Barningham.] Not exactly.

Mr. Clayton.] Then, I think he is scarcely competent to offer an opinion. I would ask him whether, as Bradford is included in the Parliamentary, but not in the municipal, boundary, and has its own local board, there is a district interest between Clayton and Bradford?

Mr. Barningham.] I should think there is no interest between Clayton and Bradford.

Mr. Clayton.] No community of interest?

Mr. Barningham.] Not the slightest.

The Town Clerk.] Looking at the map, we see that Clayton is bounded on one side by Openshaw, and on another by Droylsden. I think you would say that most of the inhabitants of Clayton work in Droylsden, or Openshaw, or Newton Heath, and have no community of interest with Manchester, in the sense, I mean, that they do not come into Manchester to earn their wages?

Mr. Barningham.] They do not. That is the rule at Clayton.

The Town Clerk.] The great bulk of the inhabitants get their wages by working at Droylsden, Newton Heath, or Openshaw, and not in Manchester?

Mr. Barningham.] That is so.

The Town Clerk.] The boundary on one side is Edge-lane?

Mr. Barningham.] Yes.

The Town Clerk.] Are there any houses there?

Mr. Barningham.] A few.

The Town Clerk.] But scattered, like farm-houses, more than anything else?

Mr. Barningham.] The groups of houses may be something like 40 or 50 in Edge-lane.

The Town Clerk.] Which part. I went in Edge-lane yesterday, and did not notice them. It seemed like a rural district, with agricultural land on both sides?

Mr. Barningham.] It is not strictly so.

The Town Clerk.] There are some houses; but the inhabitants are not connected with Manchester further than the population of any other neighbouring districts are?

Mr. Barningham.] Just so.

Mr. Sudlow.] What portion work in Newton, do you say?

Mr.



Mr. *Barningham*.] It would be difficult to state.  
 Mr. *Sudlow*.] Do as many work in Newton as in Openshaw?

Mr. *Barningham*.] I should say not.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] A good number do, and pass to and from their dwelling-houses daily?

Mr. *Barningham*.] Yes.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] Newton is in the Parliamentary boundary already?

Mr. *Clayton*.] And has a separate local board?

Mr. *Barningham*.] I look upon Newton as not being connected in interest with Manchester.

Mr. *Cumin*.] It must have community of interest with itself, you know, because it is in the Parliamentary boundary; I suppose you would not say that there is any community of interest between Newton and the part up by Cheetham-hill?

Mr. *Barningham*.] No, Sir.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] By whom are you supplied with gas and water in Clayton?

Mr. *Barningham*.] By Manchester.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] And you attend the Manchester markets?

Mr. *Barningham*.] I do not think any one from Clayton is in the habit of doing so.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] There is no market-house in Clayton?

Mr. *Barningham*.] No.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] You have to go to Shudehill market?

Mr. *Barningham*.] I do not know whether they go to Manchester or Ashton market.

The *Town Clerk*.] Do you know who supplies Bowdon with water?

Mr. *Barningham*.] I think there is nothing at all in our getting water from Manchester. In regard to the price of water and gas, they treat us as foreigners in Manchester.

The *Town Clerk*.] There is no community of interest with you?

Mr. *Barningham*.] No.

Mr. *Chappel*.] I am very much surprised at the cause taken by Barningham; I did not intend to state anything this morning in defence of what I stated at the last sitting, but I have learnt that the meeting held last night was called by a few gentlemen who thought that their interests would be better served by having county votes rather than borough votes, thus sacrificing their principles, and throwing over all the other two thousand odd who would, if joined to Manchester, have borough votes. At our last sitting here, Mr. Barningham stated that he owned 21 houses in Clayton, and that the majority of his tenants were in favour of having a vote in Manchester. He likewise said that most of his tenants worked in Manchester, and that the interests of Clayton and Manchester were identical, and that the population of the two places were the same in all respects. With respect to the market, he believes the people go from Droylsden to Ashton, but the people of Clayton come to Manchester. It is only two and-a-quarter miles from the Manchester Exchange, as I stated at the last meeting. Another statement made by Mr. Barningham is, that the inhabitants of Clayton work in Openshaw; I question whether a dozen of them do.

Mr. *Cumin*.] What he said at the last sitting was, that many of them are Manchester people, and have been driven out of Manchester by the extension of railway buildings.

Mr. *Chappel*.] He said there was no commu-

nity of interest. There are many Clayton people work in Bradford, and any person going from Clayton to Manchester could not tell where the Parliamentary boundary does end. As to Edge-lane, the whole of it I believe is in this district that we want to include in the Parliamentary borough; I should say there are 150 houses.

Mr. *Cumin*.] A great many beyond the present boundary on this side Clayton-lane.

Mr. *Chappel*.] Yes, nearly the whole of Edge-lane is included in the boundary fixed; I think we have very great claim to be included in Manchester, and more particularly as we are supplied with gas and water from thence.

Colonel *Gordon*.] Do you know anything of this meeting?

Mr. *Chappel*.] Yes, Mr. Smith presided. He finds that under the new Bill he will have a county vote, and therefore he opposes annexation. I heard, too, that at the meeting there were a number of factory operatives and mere lads.

Mr. *Barningham*.] I distinctly deny that.

Mr. *Chappel*.] I have it from one who was at the meeting.

Mr. *Barningham*.] I will prove, if necessary, that not a single lad was in the meeting. My change of opinion arises in this way: I attended here at his request the other morning; when I came into the room I did not know I should be called upon to say a single word, and I confess I was ignorant, to a great extent, of what had transpired. I assisted in calling the meeting of last night, and my alteration of opinion has arisen honestly out of that. He cannot charge me with anything wrong. I think a man who comes and makes a statement, and afterwards gets further evidence, has a perfect right to say "My views are changed." If we were to stick to what we say on all occasions, arguments would be of no use at all.

Mr. *Cumin*.] Read from the shorthand-writer's notes Mr. Barningham's statement as to people in Clayton having gone to reside there, in consequence of being driven out of Manchester by railway buildings, and asked if he adhered to that statement.

Mr. *Barningham*.] There is, no doubt, a great deal of truth in that, though I thought the statement was made by Mr. Chappel. Many people have been driven out of Manchester, but as a rule they would be factory operatives.

Mr. *Chappel*.] Very few of those find their way into Clayton; Mr. Barningham living in Cheetham, has no opportunity of knowing the people of Clayton.

Mr. *Barningham*.] My opportunities of knowing the people of Clayton are superior to your own.

Mr. *Chappel*.] I have lived in it 14 years.

Mr. *Cumin*.] You had better put questions. Have you any remarks to add?

Colonel *Gordon*.] Have you any information with respect to this meeting?

Mr. *Chappel*.] I was given to understand that it was packed by a lot of lads and factory operatives. A gentleman who was to have been one of the deputation told me so.

Mr. *Barningham*.] I am one of the three forming the deputation from that meeting. As the other two gentlemen are here, I think it is right that they should be called to rebut those statements.

Manchester.

Mr. Cumin.] Have you any further statement to make?

Mr. Chappel.] I have nothing to add.

Mr. Cumin.] Then perhaps the other two gentlemen at the meeting will say something.

Mr. Thomas Boothman.] I live at Clayton.

Mr. Cumin.] Will you state any fact connected with this meeting that you think important?

Mr. Boothman.] They were all perfectly grown men.

Mr. Cumin.] How did you hear of the meeting?

Mr. Boothman.] I was informed by Mr. Chappel.

Mr. Cumin.] What time was that?

Mr. Boothman.] In the afternoon of yesterday, about 5 o'clock.

Mr. Cumin.] And then you went; at what time was the meeting?

Mr. Boothman.] Eight o'clock.

Mr. Cumin.] Well, what took place?

Mr. Boothman.] The subject was discussed, and that resolution was drawn up.

Mr. Cumin.] And you say they were all grown up men?

Mr. Boothman.] Perfectly so; I think the youngest person there was from 18 to 20 years of age.

Mr. Cumin.] How many do you think were there?

Mr. Boothman.] I could not tell; I should say about 200.

Mr. Cumin.] Was anything said about rates?

Mr. Boothman.] They said that if we were included in the Parliamentary borough of Manchester, we should very likely have to pay some rates.

Mr. Cumin.] What effect had that upon the meeting?

Mr. Boothman.] I cannot say.

Mr. Cumin.] Was it received with cheers?

Mr. Boothman.] No; there were persons who said they did not object to pay their rates to get their votes.

Mr. Sudlow.] Was it said in what form they would have to pay some rates?

Mr. Boothman.] Yes, some poor rates.

Mr. Sudlow.] Do you compound in Clayton?

Mr. Boothman.] Yes.

Mr. Sudlow.] Do you think some parties thought that if included in the Parliamentary borough, they would be brought within the municipal borough?

Mr. Boothman.] That was my impression.

Mr. Cumin.] Would you have a county vote if Clayton is not included in Manchester?

Mr. Boothman.] Yes.

Mr. Cumin.] You, perhaps, prefer a county vote to a borough vote?

Mr. Boothman.] I do.

Mr. Cumin.] Is that your reason for entertaining the views you have expressed?

Mr. Boothman.] One reason.

Mr. Clayton.] Do you think the people of Clayton are opposed to being joined to the Parliamentary borough of Manchester, irrespective of the municipal question?

Mr. Boothman.] I believe so.

Mr. Clayton.] The majority of the people of Clayton?

Mr. Boothman.] I believe so, because they think Manchester sufficiently large already. Then we do not like three-cornered constituencies.

Mr. Sudlow.] Just tell me where these people come from who attended the meeting. Were there none from outside Clayton?

Mr. Boothman.] I do not remember any, and I have resided there 13 years.

Mr. Joseph Mather, Asphalter, Clayton.] I was present at this meeting.

Mr. Cumin.] How did you hear about it?

Mr. Mather.] By the bellman going round the neighbourhood, warning all to come who possibly could.

Mr. Cumin.] You heard the bellman?

Mr. Mather.] I heard and saw him.

Mr. Cumin.] And then you went to the meeting?

Mr. Mather.] I did.

Colonel Gordon.] What was the subject of the bellman's notice?

Mr. Mather.] He warned them to come to the meeting, and said something about Clayton being joined in with Manchester. Some wanted to be joined with Manchester, and others did not. I was totally ignorant of the whole thing altogether, up to last night.

Colonel Gordon.] What time was that?

Mr. Mather.] As near as I can tell, about seven o'clock. The chairman took his seat at 20 minutes past eight.

Colonel Gordon.] Did the bellman allude to anything connected with local taxation or rates?

Mr. Mather.] Not that I am aware of.

Mr. Cumin.] I suppose he was some considerable time going round?

Mr. Mather.] No; he began about seven o'clock.

Mr. Cumin.] Do you think that was time enough to collect the people interested in the matter?

Mr. Mather.] We had a goodly number there. I am not certain as to the time when he began; it is all guess work.

Mr. Cumin.] How many people were there? We have been told about 200.

Mr. Mather.] I should say about 80, to the best of my knowledge. I was, there both at the beginning and end of the meeting.

Mr. Cumin.] Do you not think there might be 200?

Mr. Mather.] No; I might be wrong by 30 or 40, but there were not 200 present.

Mr. Sudlow.] I am told there are two rooms, a little one which will hold about 50, and a larger one.

Mr. Mather.] It is the largest room. It is the room on the side nearest Manchester.

Mr. Chappel.] It would not hold above 50.

The Town Clerk.] Is it as large as this?

Mr. Mather.] Yes.

Mr. Chappel.] That is the large room.

The Town Clerk.] Was it full?

Mr. Mather.] I should say it would have held about half as many more.

Mr. Barningham.] Were all the school forms filled?

Mr. Mather.] I did not notice it.

Mr. Barningham.] I can testify that there was scarcely any getting a seat.

Mr. Cumin.] You say there were 80 present?

Mr. Mather.] As near as I can tell.

The Town Clerk.] But you say you may be wrong to the extent of 30 or 40.

Mr. Cumin.] Did you hear them counted?

Mr. Mather.] I heard the chairman say "Count them"



them;" but they were not counted, so far as I know.

Mr. *Cumin*.] What sort of people were they?

Mr. *Mather*.] The majority were ratepayers, whom I knew personally.

Mr. *Cumin*.] What sort of houses do they live in, as to rent?

Mr. *Mather*.] There were some factory operatives as well.

Mr. *Cumin*.] You say the majority were ratepayers; what sort of houses do they occupy?

Mr. *Mather*.] They vary from 5 s. to 8 s.

Mr. *Clayton*.] I would like to ask him whether the people of Clayton are anxious to be added to the Parliamentary borough of Manchester?

Mr. *Mather*.] They are not. It was carried unanimously last night that they do not want to be.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] Was anything said about a large additional sum to be paid for rates?

Mr. *Mather*.] I believe there was.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] Was anything said as to the rate per pound?

Mr. *Mather*.] I asked what the poor rate was in Manchester, and a gentleman told me 4s. 6d. in the pound. That arose through something said as to the probable expense that would be brought upon us by being joined to Manchester.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] And what was stated on that point?

Mr. *Mather*.] I believe they said the result would be 6 s., or something near.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] Within a shilling or two?

Mr. *Mather*.] Yes.

Mr. *Cumin*.] Was that stated publicly?

Mr. *Mather*.] Yes.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] Had that any effect upon the meeting?

Mr. *Mather*.] I don't know that it had.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] They don't care about it.

Mr. *Cumin*.] Are you a voter under the new Act?

Mr. *Mather*.] I never had a vote in my life. I am only just started in business, and know nothing about votes.

The *Town Clerk*.] What is your rent in Clayton?

Mr. *Mather*.] Four and ninepence a week.

The *Town Clerk*.] What would that be per year?

Mr. *Chappel*.] He will have a county vote under the new Reform Bill for his works.

Another member of the Clayton Deputation: Could you tell what the promoters of the meeting were waiting for from 8 o'clock to 20 minutes past?

Mr. *Mather*.] I don't know.

Mr. *Chappel*.] You told me at my shop door that the meeting was chiefly lads.

Mr. *Mather*.] Don't "retch" it.

Mr. *Chappel*.] Did not you tell me your expenditure would be raised to 6 s. in the pound, because, if included in the Parliamentary borough, you would also be included in the municipal?

Mr. *Mather*.] I could not tell you that, because I didn't know that much about it. I said the meeting was composed of so-and-so, and the remainder was chiefly young fellows from the mill.

Mr. *Chappel*.] You called them lads.

Mr. *Mather*.] Well, call them lads.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] How many lads would there be out of the 80 persons present?

Mr. *Mather*.] I should say 10 or 15 on my right hand, and half a dozen on my other.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] About 25 per cent. of the whole Manchester meeting.

Mr. *Clayton*.] He only makes out 21.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] Twenty-five per cent.; there were only 80 present. Were they all ratepayers there, with the exception of these lads?

Mr. *Mather*.] That I cannot answer.

Mr. *Cumin*.] He said they were most of them ratepayers.

Mr. *Clayton*.] Did you hear any of the ratepayers express a wish to come into Manchester?

Mr. *Mather*.] Not one.

Mr. *Barningham*.] Do you not think many of those "lads" were married men?

Mr. *Mather*.] Yes, many of them were married; a great deal of them were about 18.

Mr. *Barningham*.] There is no doubt the meeting contained a lot of young men, but they were, as a rule, married.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] But that does not give them a vote.

Mr. *Barningham*.] It would give them one if they were occupiers of houses.

Mr. *Cumin*.] Was it not stated at the meeting that there was never one like it in Clayton?

Mr. *Mather*.] It was said to be a large meeting.

Mr. *Barningham*.] Were we not all astonished at the largeness of the meeting?

Mr. *Mather*.] Well, you were; but I was never at one before.

Mr. *Barningham*.] Was not it a large meeting?

Mr. *Mather*.] The largest ever held in that room.

Mr. *Cumin*.] How long has the room been built?

Mr. *Barningham*.] About 10 years. It is about the size of this room in one direction.

Mr. *Chappel*.] Cut in two.

Mr. *Clayton*.] You stated you counted those present, I think?

Mr. *Barningham*.] No; I asked to have them counted, and the reason they were not counted—

Mr. *Cumin*.] Will you be good enough to ask him any other questions, and then he can sit down, you know.

Mr. *Cumin* (to Mr. *Barningham*).] When was it that you engaged the bellman to go round?

Mr. *Barningham*.] It was about 11 o'clock yesterday morning. I did not engage him myself, but gave directions for him to be engaged at a shop. I had been waiting for our friend, Chappel, to make a move in the matter, and finding that the time was passing away, and nothing being done, I thought I must be up and doing. I think I may charge Mr. Chappel with neglecting to perform that part of his duty.

Mr. *Chappel*.] You said the majority of the meeting were ratepayers; are there in all 50 ratepayers in Clayton?

Mr. *Barningham*.] I should think so.

Mr. *Chappel*.] Are there 40?

Mr. *Barningham*.] More than that.

Mr. *Chappel*.] I should say there is not 20.

Mr. *Barningham*.] A gentleman asked what the meeting was doing between 8 o'clock and twenty minutes past. The meeting was entirely assembled at 8 o'clock, but they were waiting to see if others would come. Mr. Chappel was expected, and he is of such importance that the meeting stopped on that account. They complimented him to that extent.

Mr. *William Cotterill*, of Stretford, said:—  
I produce a notice of a meeting which was held



Manchester. on Tuesday morning last, at the Temperance Hall, King-street, Stretford. I presided at the meeting and a resolution was passed against either the whole or part of Stretford being joined to the borough of Manchester.

Mr. Cumin.] How many people were present?

Mr. Cotterill.] Perhaps 100.

Mr. Cumin.] All ratepayers?

Mr. Cotterill.] Yes.

Mr. Cumin.] Was any amendment moved?

Mr. Cotterill.] There was not. There was first the resolution of which I spoke, and then a resolution under which the deputation to this meeting is appointed. On behalf of the meeting I am directed to say that, looking at the gross acreage of the township of Stretford, it is already so important in area, and is likely to be so in population, that to divide any portion of it would be attended with serious consequences. The inhabitants, so far as their intentions can be got at, wish that the township shall remain entire, under the impression that at some future time it is likely to become important enough to require a municipal government of its own, and perhaps to have a Member of Parliament or two of its own. If you look at the area of the township of Manchester proper, you will find that Stretford has double the acreage. The acreage of Manchester is 1,646 acres, and that of Stretford 3,255 acres.

Mr. Cumin.] What is the population?

Mr. Cotterill.] About 9,000.

Mr. Cumin.] The majority of the houses are above 12 l.?

Mr. Cotterill.] Yes.

The Town Clerk.] What is the number above?

The Assistant Overseer of Stretford.] Above 12 l., 1,260; at 12 l. and under, 831.

Mr. Sudlow.] How far is the place where this meeting was held from Platford's Hotel, on the Stretford-road?

Mr. Cotterill.] Perhaps a mile and a quarter, or it might be a mile and a half.

Mr. Sudlow.] Where were the bills announcing the meeting posted?

Mr. Cotterill.] There was great neglect on the part of the poster, but sufficient were posted for the larger part of the inhabitants to see them.

Mr. Sudlow.] Where were they chiefly posted?

Mr. Cotterill.] The loudest complaint was in the back part of the township, beyond the village, where the placards were not sufficiently posted.

Mr. Sudlow.] Were there any about Chorlton-road, going out of Stretford-road?

Mr. Cotterill.] Yes.

Mr. Sudlow.] Who were present on the platform at that meeting?

Mr. Cotterill.] Myself, the assistant-overseer, and the reporters.

Mr. Sudlow.] You know the Commissioners have suggested a line which does not include the whole of Stretford?

Mr. Cumin.] Not suggested.

Mr. Sudlow.] Having asked an opinion about a line which does not include the whole of Stretford, do you know how far the place of your meeting would be from that suggested boundary, as I may be allowed to call it?

Mr. Cotterill.] Perhaps a mile and a half.

Mr. Sudlow.] Were any persons present who resided within that suggested boundary?

Mr. Cotterill.] Several.

Mr. Sudlow.] Who moved the resolution?

Mr. Cotterill.] Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright.] I reside a few yards outside that

proposed boundary, but I have considerable property within it.

Mr. Sudlow.] Who seconded the motion?

Mr. Cotterill.] Mr. Councillor Hampson.

Mr. Sudlow.] Has he property within that boundary?

Mr. Cotterill.] Yes.

Mr. Sudlow.] Then three out of four gentlemen on your deputation reside out of the boundary. Was anything said at that meeting about increasing the rates and taxes, if any part of Stretford was added to Manchester?

Mr. Cotterill.] That was mentioned; but the chief ground was that the township would be decreased in importance, by having any portion of it taken off and added to Manchester.

Mr. Sudlow.] Had you anything to do with this advertisement:—"Stretford Boundary Commission; Ratepayers attend the Meeting this evening at the Temperance Hall, Stretford. Oppose the Annexation of your Township to Manchester, Parliamentary and Municipally, and avoid Increased Taxation.—A Ratepayer?"

Mr. Cotterill.] I have nothing to do with that.

Mr. Sudlow.] Was anything said about increased taxation?

Mr. Cotterill.] Of course there was; that was a good ground, but not the principal ground.

Mr. Sudlow.] Do you compound for rates in Stretford?

Mr. Cotterill.] To a considerable extent.

Mr. Sudlow.] Was any apprehension felt that by being joined to Manchester, they would increase their rates?

Mr. Cotterill.] I cannot say.

Mr. Sudlow.] You do not know the meaning of the words, "avoid increased taxation?"

Mr. Cotterill.] Nothing was said on that point of sufficient importance to make it necessary to be mentioned.

Mr. Sudlow.] I have heard a statement, written by a gentleman who was present, and he says that when the first resolution was passed not more than 25 persons were there.

Mr. Cumin.] That will hardly do.

Mr. Sudlow.] He says so, and he counted them. Are you quite certain there were more?

Mr. Cotterill.] I am certain there were more.

Mr. Sudlow.] Quite a hundred?

Mr. Cotterill.] I will not say; I did not count them.

Mr. Sudlow.] What number of assessments are there in Stretford?

Mr. Cuppin (Assistant Overseer.)] 2,101.

Mr. Sudlow.] And the utmost number who attended was 100?

Mr. Cotterill.] I should say quite that number.

Mr. Sudlow.] And principally from the centre of the township?

Mr. Cotterill.] Not exactly; some came from Old Trafford; two of the deputation came from there.

The Town Clerk.] I think you have stated that there are 1,260 houses of 12 l. and upwards; is that above 12 l., or does it include 12 l.?

Mr. Cuppin.] It is above.

The Town Clerk.] And the 831 includes 12 l. and under?

Mr. Cuppin.] Yes.

The Town Clerk.] Supposing a rating of 12 l. to give a county vote, you would have to take from 831 some 400, thus leaving 400 odd under 12 l.?

Mr. Cuppin.] Yes.

The Town Clerk.] The labouring population of Stretford

Stretford occupy these houses; how do they get their living? Is it in Manchester, or do they come into Manchester and go to Stretford, backward and forward?

Mr. *Cotterill*.] A great number are farm labourers occupied in the immediate district, and not coming into Manchester to work. Two-thirds of the area of Stretford is under culture.

The *Town Clerk*.] Farming land?

Mr. *Cotterill*.] Yes.

The *Town Clerk*.] And a large majority of the tenants of those houses under 12 *l.* are occupied as agricultural labourers in the district, having no connection whatever with Manchester?

Mr. *Cotterill*.] No connection whatever.

Mr. *Clayton*.] You have some works in the neighbourhood of Chorlton-road?

Mr. *Cotterill*.] No, my works are in Hulme.

Mr. *Clayton*.] You are acquainted with Chorlton-road; have you ever heard a ratepayer in that neighbourhood express a wish to be joined to the Parliamentary borough of Manchester?

Mr. *Cotterill*.] No; whoever I have conversed with on the subject has been opposed to any transfer of any portion of Stretford to Manchester; and I believe if a memorial were got up we should get 99 at least out of every 100 of the inhabitants to sign against any such transfer.

Mr. *Cumin*.] There is a considerable amount of building going on in the district, is there not?

Mr. *Cotterill*.] Yes.

Mr. *Cumin*.] The houses are chiefly far above 12 *l.* per year; they are villas?

The *Town Clerk*.] Villa residences?

Mr. *Cotterill*.] Yes.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] Do you know the northern boundary of Stretford, where it joins Hulme and Moss Side?

Mr. *Cotterill*.] Yes.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] Do you know Tamworth-street; you know it is built upon from one end to the other; continuous rows of houses?

Mr. *Cotterill*.] I think one-half of it is in the township of Hulme, and the other in Stretford.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] And another part of it in Moss Side; can you tell me where one township ends and the other begins?

Mr. *Cotterill*.] They generally leave a row of paving stones.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] You could not tell from the nature of the property itself?

Mr. *Cotterill*.] I could partly tell from my own experience.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] Are you aware that 1,196 of the assessments in Stretford are within a radius of three miles from the centre of the city?

Mr. *Cotterill*.] I was not.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] What difference is there between the population of Hulme of that class and the occupants of the houses in the Stretford part of Tamworth-street; have not the latter as much community of interest with Manchester as the people of Hulme have; do you think any of them work at Stretford?

Mr. *Cotterill*.] No.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] They all go to Manchester?

Mr. *Cotterill*.] I do not say all, but most of them.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] Have you had any conversation with that class, as to whether they would like to be on the register?

Mr. *Cotterill*.] I have not been amongst them to inquire.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] Would any of those be at the Manchester meeting?

Mr. *Cotterill*.] No; every inhabitant who has something like a strong feeling not to have his township cut and carved up in the way it is proposed to cut and carve it up, must be against such a step.

Mr. *John Wright*.] I am an Accountant residing at Stretford, and was present at the meeting held the other night. There were a number of highly respectable persons in the room.

Colonel *Gordon*.] How many?

Mr. *Wright*.] I could not say exactly.

Mr. *Cumin*.] Would you say 100?

Mr. *Wright*.] Short of 100, I should think. They were unanimous in not wishing to be attached to Manchester in any way; they were perfectly satisfied with the present arrangements. I am one of the guardians of the poor, and I may remark that we have no connection with Manchester Union.

Mr. *Cumin*.] Who is chairman of the Poor Law Guardians at Manchester?

Mr. *Wright*.] Mr. Rickards; he lives on the other side of Summer Grove, and would not be included in your boundary.

Mr. *Cumin*.] You mean the one respecting which we asked if it would include the overflow of population round Manchester; do you think anybody in Stretford has community of interest with Manchester?

Mr. *Wright*.] There is no doubt they have a community of interest.

Mr. *Cumin*.] How many Stretford people work in Manchester?

Mr. *Wright*.] A great number of the people do so, but the same argument would extend all the way to Bowdon. The only point is where you shall begin. You must go on; you cannot go to the middle of Summer Grove. It would be a piece of folly to take one half of that, and say it would be within the boundary, and leave the other half out of it.

Mr. *Cumin*.] Can you draw a line up to which community of interest extends.

Mr. *Wright*.] If you took in the whole of Stretford, I should draw the line beyond Bowdon.

The *Town Clerk*.] You mean as to community of interest, that a great number of the residents in Stretford occupying houses assessed at above 12 *l.*, come daily to Manchester to their business.

Mr. *Wright*.] Yes.

The *Town Clerk*.] There is no doubt of it; they probably think a county vote as good as a borough vote?

Mr. *Wright*.] I should think a good deal better.

The *Town Clerk*.] Most of them would have votes already.

Mr. *Wright*.] Many of them; not most.

The *Town Clerk*.] Do you agree with the statement, that the occupants of houses under 12 *l.* are agricultural labourers, chiefly getting their occupation mainly in the village?

Mr. *Wright*.] In the village itself; they are all agricultural labourers, occupying houses under 12 *l.*

The *Town Clerk*.] So that a large number of people having community of interest with Manchester are occupiers of houses having county votes, which they would lose if they obtained the privilege which Mr. *Sudlow* suggests?

Mr. *Wright*.] Yes.



Manchester. Mr. Sudlow.] I never suggested anything of the kind.

Mr. Wright.] I have an income of over 700 *l.* a year within this suggested boundary line. If it is necessary to bring in a petition to the Commissioners, I will bring the signatures of parties assessed at 20,000 *l.* in Stretford alone, all of whom are opposed to being joined to Manchester.

The Town Clerk.] Are you aware of any one except my friend, Mr. Sudlow, who has suggested that your county votes should be destroyed, and you should have borough votes instead?

Mr. Wright.] No.

Mr. Sudlow.] You know the northern boundary of Stretford; what class of houses are there going between Charlton Road and Hulme boundary, and round by Moss Side boundary.

Mr. Wright.] They are mostly occupied by warehousemen and clerks, having business in Manchester.

Mr. Sudlow.] And who would have no borough vote, if the present boundary of Stretford continued.

Mr. Wright.] It is a matter of opinion altogether.

Mr. Sudlow. Do you know the class of houses?

Mr. Wright.] Five shillings or 6 *s.* per week.

Mr. Sudlow.] Not in the township of Stretford, in Tamworth Street.

Mr. Wright.] Some of them are 25 *l.* a year?

A Resident in the neighbourhood, said most of the houses in that street are upwards of 6 *s.* per week.

Mr. Wright (to Mr. Sudlow).] I don't think you know so much about it as we do. At Pooley's Park and thereabouts, there is no property under 30 *l.* a year.

Mr. Sudlow.] That is so about Pooley's Park, no doubt; I have a return here showing that there are 219 people assessed under 12 *l.* a year, within a boundary line of 2½ miles.

Mr. Crippin.] £. 12 and under.

Mr. Sudlow.] I have it, the number of assessments within the radius under 12 *l.* I had it from Mr. Gayter's office.

Mr. Crippin.] I got out the information for Mr. Gayter, and we put it at 12 *l.* and under.

Mr. Sudlow.] Are these your figures, or Mr. Gayter's?

Mr. Crippin.] They are mine; it says 12 *l.* and under.

Mr. Sudlow (holding up a paper).] Here it is, "under 12 *l.*"

Mr. Crippin.] That includes 12 *l.*; he told me I had better include 12 *l.* and under.

Mr. Sudlow.] Here are the figures of the overseer, "over 12,297 *l.*, under 12,219 *l.*"

Mr. Crippin.] That "under" includes 12 *l.*

The Town Clerk.] Who is Mr. Gayter? is he connected with the Conservative Registration Association?

Mr. Crippin.] He is; the 219 includes 12 *l.*

Mr. Cumlin.] Then the heading of the return is wrong; could you furnish the same particulars in a correct form?

Mr. Crippin.] I could.

The Town Clerk.] Mr. Sudlow speaks about the boundary, I suppose that is his boundary, but he has adopted so many boundaries.

Mr. Sudlow.] I beg your pardon; the boundary I suggested, was a radius line of three miles from the centre of Manchester; it had nothing to do with the village of Stretford, or beyond it.

The Town Clerk.] You did not say a three-mile radius, you asked him about 2½ miles radius.

Mr. Sudlow.] That is a slip, I meant a three-mile radius.

Mr. Reuben Spencer, Edge Lane, Stretford.] I was at a meeting at the Pavilion, Stretford; some 90 gentlemen were present, and this question was discussed. A memorial which I produce, against any union with Manchester was signed; the signatures were given most freely, and there was no exception to the feeling which has been expressed by Mr. Cotterill. I came in contact with gentlemen occupying villa residences, also with men living in Hulme and that part of Stretford adjoining Manchester. I have servants who live in Stretford, and the feeling of all parties so far as I can ascertain, it is that they want no annexation at all.

The Town Clerk.] You mean by servants, warehousemen, and clerks, occupying houses?

Mr. Spencer.] Yes; houses of 18 *l.* a year and so on.

Mr. Cumlin.] Are there any considerable number of streets beyond the Parliamentary boundary on the Stretford-road side, occupied by persons who would not have county votes, but would have, if included with Manchester, borough votes?

Mr. Crippin.] I do not think there are 100 houses that would not have the county vote.

Mr. Thomas Ayre.] I appear on behalf of Sir Humphrey de Trafford. I appear in consequence of what has passed in reference to the Old Cricket Ground. The houses there are built under a tie that the rent is not to be less than 15 *l.* Many of them are higher than that, going as high as 20 *l.* on the Old Cricket Ground. That includes Tamworth-street.

The Town Clerk.] It includes the district the assistant overseer has just been speaking of; so that if houses had been built of less than 12 *l.*, it is in evasion of your covenant.

Mr. Ayre.] No doubt of it.

Mr. Cumlin.] Should you say there are many people in it who would not have county votes, but who, if included with Manchester, would have borough votes?

Mr. Ayre.] There would be a very small number, if any.

The Town Clerk.] Is not Sir Humphrey the original ground owner of Stretford?

Mr. Ayre.] Yes, with the exception of about 200 acres.

The Town Clerk.] So that the land has been sold by him, and he ought to know what the land and houses on it are worth. I believe you look pretty sharply after people who build upon it?

Mr. Ayre.] I do. There are very few houses, except in the village itself, where the rent is not 15 *l.* and over. Indeed, it is a condition of all agreements that the rent shall be of not less than that amount.

Mr. Cottrell.] This gentleman (Mr. John Heap) is owner of a number of houses in the township of Hulme, and that part within the township of Stretford, now being referred to. He wishes to give his opinion as to the state of things on the part of his tenants, as to the question whether that part of the township should be included with Manchester.

Mr. Heap.] My tenants and others around, particularly



ticularly in Cornbrook-street, where I have property and reside, have a strong and determined feeling of opposition against being brought within the Parliamentary or municipal boundaries, or any thing of the kind. I removed out of Hulme to get out of town. I have been tired of it all my life, and it is too bad to attempt to tread upon my heels again.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] What tired you of Hulme; the gentle care of the corporation?

Mr. *Heap*.] The rate collectors were always at my heels, and they would frighten anything. You are always wanting to infringe upon people. The Reform Bill was nothing but a humbug.

Mr. *Cumin*.] That is not material to the inquiry. Have you anything to add?

Mr. *Heap*.] We are entirely against incorporation. They think it much better to be without it, and I have discoursed with plenty of them. If you would call a meeting, you would soon see where you would be; where you have been often.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] Do you suppose that if added to Manchester, the rates would be increased?

Mr. *Heap*.] I do not suppose, because I am sure it will be so. I know what you will do if you get hold of me.

Mr. *John Whitehead*.] I live at Stretford. I believe that on no occasion has there been an attempt to call a meeting to express an opinion in favour of annexation to Manchester. Mr. Crippin says 1,600 people would have county votes, and it is hardly likely that they would go in favour of borough votes.

Mr. *Cumin*.] You are supporting views which have been given already by other residents in Stretford.

Mr. *Whitehead*.] I am, sir. Mr. Sudlow has laid great stress upon this little part of Stretford, which is nearly, if not altogether, built upon; but the greater portion of it is agricultural land.

The *Town Clerk*.] You reside in Stretford, and are an owner of property?

Mr. *Whitehead*.] I live in Edge-lane, but am not an owner of property.

Mr. *Stephen Heelis*, Solicitor. I have been requested to attend before the Commissioners, who desire to ascertain the views of parties who have an interest in Stretford as to the annexation of that township. I represent the trustees of the late Duke of Bridgewater. They are the owners of a canal, part of which is within the township of Stretford, and they have no desire whatever to be brought more than they are at present within the range of the Corporation of Manchester. They feel, and have instructed me to urge, that the line indicated, I cannot say "suggested," at the last sitting, and upon which information was requested, is arbitrary in itself, and will include property which can by no reasonable possibility be considered as part of a town property. Whatever may be the case with regard to that portion of property lying between Trafford Lane and Hulme, it is pretty clear that when you have got to Old Trafford, the only course would be to come on to Manchester. But if you turn back towards Altrincham, and turn down the lane leading to Throstle Nest, you take in property which there is not the slightest ground for ever calling urban. The property, so far as it was built upon, contains houses occupied by parties in no way carrying on business there; they are simply residents, like parties in the neighbourhood of London. You

might say their community of interest is the same as those living at Bowdon; but when you include land lying between the river and Stretford-road, you include land not urban, and not likely to be built upon. The levels and other circumstances would preclude the possibility of building there, by reason of the land being liable to floods. I have to ask that the boundary be allowed to remain as it is. I also represent another large landowner in the township of Moss Side, which would be included in the line indicated. I am instructed on behalf of Mr. Lloyd, the largest landowner of Moss Side.

Mr. *Cumin*.] Where is his property?

Mr. *Heelis*.] It is to the north and south of Moss Lane; greater portion of the township, in fact. His view is decidedly averse to annexation.

Mr. *Cumin*.] Are the houses on the north side of Moss Lane principally occupied by persons who would have county votes?

Mr. *Heelis*.] All Mr. Lloyd's land has been let on terms, which, if adhered to, as I have no doubt they are, would in all cases give people county votes.

Mr. *Wright*.] Would a petition on our side have any effect; I could get one representing half the property in Stretford-road, and have it laid before you.

Mr. *Cumin*.] That is for you to consider.

Mr. *Ayre*.] I omitted to say that Sir Humphrey de Trafford is opposed to any annexation in Stretford at all.

Mr. *John Ingham*, Innkeeper, West Gorton. I have to lay before you a copy of a resolution passed at a town's meeting, on Tuesday evening, at Gorton; there would be from 60 to 70 present.

Mr. *Cumin*.] When was the meeting summoned.

Mr. *Ingham*.] The placards were out last Saturday.

Mr. *Cumin*.] Were all present ratepayers.

Mr. *Ingham*.] All inhabitants, but a good many of them are under the Small Tenements Act. The resolution proposed affirmed that "it is not desirable this township should be annexed to the Parliamentary borough of Manchester." It was then moved as an amendment, that it was desirable the township should be annexed. This amendment having been withdrawn, the original motion was carried unanimously.

The *Town Clerk*.] Are you an overseer, Mr. Ingham?

Mr. *Ingham*.] No, I was chairman of the meeting.

The *Town Clerk*.] You know Gorton well, and the occupation of the people residing there. Do these people, to a large extent, find employment in large works existing in that township?

Mr. *Ingham*.] A great many of them do, in cotton mills and iron works.

The *Town Clerk*.] And the bulk of the working classes in the lower rated houses, find their occupation in Gorton?

Mr. *Ingham*.] I think they do.

Mr. *Cumin*.] Have you no more communication with Manchester than with Ashton?

Mr. *Ingham*.] Well, we are nearer Manchester, a good deal.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] How are you supplied with gas and water?

Mr. *Ingham*.] From Manchester.

Mr. *Sudlow*.] You come to Manchester market?

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Mr. Ingham.] I do not think they do.

The Town Clerk.] Is there any reason beyond greater nearness to Manchester, why your connection is closer with Manchester than Ashton?

Mr. Ingham.] There is no condition with either. I consider getting gas or water from one corporation a matter of no importance.

Mr. Cumin.] You say there is no more connection between Gorton and Manchester, than between Gorton and Ashton?

Mr. Ingham.] I should say there is no more connection with Manchester, because we have no turnpike road direct to Ashton, and we have a good turnpike to Manchester. If we want to get to Ashton, we have to go through Openshaw.

Mr. John A. Wyatt.] I live in Gorton, and am a property owner and agent for other properties there. I come in no official capacity, but having my own opinion, and having heard the views of many of my tenants and some of the inhabitants of a particular district, I think the latter ought to be included within the Parliamentary boundary of Manchester. The district I speak of is the Longsight portion of Gorton; there is a distinct boundary line. It is the ecclesiastical district of St. John's, Longsight, a portion of which is in Gorton, a portion in Moss Side, and portion in Openshaw, which is bounded by the railway on one side. In every sense of the word, the population is a Manchester one. Most of the houses on my property are rated at 10 *l.* 10 *s.* and 11 *l.* 5*s.*; I have other properties of a larger kind, which would have county votes. This district is as much Manchester as Chorlton, or Ardwick, or Hulme are; it is largely built upon, and contains very few villa residences. Almost the entire population of it will be debarred from a county vote, and in addition to getting gas and water from Manchester, which, I think, is no argument, I may state, that the sewer of this district is taken into Manchester by special arrangement. We are dependent on Manchester in every respect.

Mr. Cumin.] The number of assessments in this township are 1,956?

Mr. Wyatt.] The district would not contain more than 400 assessments. It is, as I said, the ecclesiastical district of St. John's with a small portion of St. Mark's district.

The Town Clerk.] Have you any idea of the number of acres you would include, or the number of assessments in the district?

Mr. Wyatt.] I should say the population of the entire district of West Gorton is about 6,000, but in the district of St. John's Longsight, the population is not more than 2,000, or perhaps less, and the assessments are about 350.

The Town Clerk.] And that is what you propose to unite with Manchester, the district of St. John's.

Mr. Wyatt.] With a small part across the Hyde road.

The Town Clerk.] Is there any road, or anything which forms the boundary of the district you allude to?

Mr. Wyatt.] No, except Great Clowes-street were taken as the boundary.

The Town Clerk.] It is an arbitrary boundary; it would go right through the borough gaol, would it not?

Mr. Wyatt.] It includes the gaol.

The Town Clerk.] Would the tenants of the gaol be considered lodgers?

Mr. Clayton.] Did you attend that meeting in Gorton?

Mr. Wyatt.] I did not; I was engaged, or I should have attended and opposed the resolutions.

Mr. Clayton.] I understand you represent the principal property owners there?

Mr. Wyatt.] No; merely the property of one gentleman, and my own; I speak the feelings of the tenants, so far as I know them.

The Town Clerk.] I think you stated at the outset, that you came upon your own individual responsibility to state your own opinion?

Mr. Wyatt.] Quite so.

Mr. Joseph Henshaw.] I live in the part of the township spoken of by Mr. Wyatt; I was at the Gorton meeting.

Mr. Cumin.] Do you agree generally with the statements made?

Mr. Henshaw.] I do not agree with the statements made by Mr. Wyatt.

Mr. Cumin.] I mean at the meeting?

Mr. Henshaw.] Yes; there were a number of gentlemen at the meeting, who reside in the part Mr. Wyatt has been speaking of, and they expressed a decided opinion that they do not wish to be annexed to Manchester; a majority of those present were of the class of householders who have no votes, but would be enfranchised, if added to Manchester; and yet there were but about two individuals who expressed any opinion in favour of annexation.

Mr. Sudlow.] Was anything said about increasing taxation?

Mr. Henshaw.] I think there was, but that question was put right at the commencement?

The Town Clerk.] It was explained, that the annexation would have no effect upon the taxes?

Mr. Henshaw.] Yes.

Mr. Clayton.] Is not the Belle Vue Hotel, where the meeting was held, in the very neighbourhood which Mr. Wyatt proposes to include?

Mr. Henshaw.] In the very middle of it.

Mr. Sudlow.] How many were present at the meeting?

Mr. Henshaw.] I should think from 70 to 80.

Mr. Sudlow.] How many assessments are there in the township?

Mr. Henshaw.] I cannot say.

Mr. Sudlow.] I have it 2,840; is that right?

Mr. Henshaw.] I dare say it is.

Mr. Sudlow.] And only some 60 or 70 attended?

Mr. Clayton.] That only shows want of interest in the matter.

Mr. Henshaw.] It was an average meeting.

Mr. Wyatt.] Was there an individual there who occupies a house rated under 12*l.*?

Mr. Henshaw.] Yes; plenty.

Mr. Wyatt.] Living in Longsight district?

Mr. Henshaw.] I do not know whether there were any of that class from that district.

Mr. Wyatt.] Were those present from the Longsight district, rated at over 12*l.*?

Mr. Henshaw.] That might be.

Mr. Wyatt.] Was there any person at the meeting rated at under 12*l.*, and living in the Longsight district, who expressed any opinion on the subject under discussion?

Mr. Henshaw.] Yes; I can name two from the corner of Clowes-street, one of them was a leading speaker at the meeting.

Mr. Wyatt.] I am quite ignorant of what took place at the meeting, and therefore cannot speak about that.

Mr. Henshaw.] The feeling expressed at the meeting,



meeting, is the feeling of the district. I have gone through it during the last few weeks, have come in contact with great numbers of all classes and degrees, and I know very few who wish to be included.

Mr. Cumin.] Did they give any reason?

Mr. Henshaw.] There are various reasons. The general feeling of those who would have a vote given to them by coming to Manchester, was, that they would rather be without it, unless they could have it without paying for it; and if they had it, they would prefer to exercise it in the district where they reside.

Mr. Cumin.] You know the district between Belle Vue and the present boundary; is not that district very well built up with houses?

Mr. Henshaw.] Yes; there are a great many houses between Clowes-street and Pottery-lane, and the Catholic monastery; the bulk of what they call West Gorton houses, lie in that line.

Mr. Cumin.] They are small houses, are they not?

Mr. Henshaw.] Houses of about 5s. 6d. per week in front situations, and in back streets of 3s. or 3s. 6d.

Mr. Clayton.] Those at 5s. 6d. would have county rates?

Mr. Henshaw.] Yes; the portion Mr. Wyatt speaks of, is most closely built up.

Mr. Crossfield.] Many of those who signed our memorial, live in the district of West Gorton; it consists largely of workpeople employed at Beyers, and other large works, and not Manchester workpeople. The comparatively small attendance at the meeting is accounted for by the fact, that it was called for seven o'clock in the evening, which is an unfavourable hour for a large attendance; it was nevertheless quite as large a meeting as we usually have on township matters.

Mr. Wyatt.] Is not St. Mark's Church half-a-mile from the Longsight portion of Gorton?

Mr. Henshaw.] I dare say it is.

Mr. Wyatt.] In other words, does not refer to the district I speak of?

Mr. Crossfield.] You spoke, also, of West Gorton?

Mr. Wyatt.] I said there were arguments in favour of that also.

Mr. Cumin.] Is any one else here on behalf of any other township?

Mr. Heelis.] I appear respecting Moss-side; I have just been to my office, and taken out of a drawer 29 contracts for sale of land by Mr. Lloyd, in various parts of Moss-side. I mean the township of Moss-side proper, not that detached portion which lies on the east side of Stockport road. There is one contract in which there is no tie; there is one which provides that no house shall be built less than 14l. a-year rent; there are 17 that the houses shall not be less than 19l.; there is one in which the tie is 26l., there are two in which the tie is 35l., five in which it is 40l., and two in which it is 50l.; every one of these houses is 19l. or upwards.

The Town Clerk.] Mr. Lloyd is the owner of the whole of the land?

Mrs. Heelis.] You may call him the owner of the township of Moss-side; Mr. Brooks has a portion of land, which is let on much the same conditions; and a small portion belongs to Sir Humphrey de Trafford; with those exceptions, the township belongs to Mr. Lloyd.

Mr. Cumin.] Is there anybody here from Cheetham, or Crumpsall, or Rusholme?

No reply was made to this question.

The Town Clerk.] I have very few observations to make to the Commissioners, because a considerable part of the duty which might have devolved on me has, I think, been more effectively discharged by other parties more directly interested, who have come here to represent the interests of their own particular districts. You were informed at your first meeting that the Corporation had a meeting to consider this question, and that they had come to the resolution that it was undesirable there should be any change in the boundaries of the borough; and any observations I may venture to address to the Commissioners will be for the purpose of showing that the decision at which the Corporation arrived is a right one, and with a view of enforcing, and, so far as we may be able, carrying out that decision. I beg to refer, in the first instance, to the Act of Parliament under which the Commissioners are appointed, and to state what appears to me, so far as I can judge it, to be its purpose. The Commissioners have, amongst other things, "to ascertain whether the boundaries of any borough should be so enlarged as to include within the limits of the borough all premises which ought, due regard being had to situation and other local circumstances, to be included therein, for the purpose of conferring upon the occupiers thereof the Parliamentary franchise for such borough." Now, I am sure it will not be denied that the object of that is clearly to confer a privilege on any individuals whom it may be proposed to include within the limits of any Parliamentary borough, that privilege being the advantage of a vote. Now, with reference to the various suggestions which have been made, I think it is quite clear that, amongst other local circumstances, must be considered the connection which parties whom it may be proposed to include within the Parliamentary borough of Manchester have with the borough of Manchester. I do not consider it any reason or ground whatever, because forsooth, within a few miles from the limits of the Parliamentary borough, you find, by various circumstances, there has been a considerable population collected together, engaged in a particular trade, showing no particular connection with Manchester, and who, unless joined to some borough, no matter how near or distant, will not have the vote. I do not think that any reason why it should be suggested that people then situated within a three or four-miles radius from Manchester, and occupying houses under 12l., should be included within the Parliamentary borough, in order to give them a vote. If these inhabitants had any immediate or direct connection, either by position or otherwise, with the Parliamentary borough of Manchester, then, there would be strong ground for suggesting that they ought, if possible, to be included, and obtain the Parliamentary franchise; otherwise I do not think there is any ground whatever for even suggesting that the old limits which have existed for so many years should be altered, in order that a number of persons so situated, and having no more connection with Manchester than any other district within a radius of 20 miles, or further, should have a vote. I make these remarks with a view of showing that there has been scarcely a single instance brought before the Commissioners where there is really any ground whatever for alleging that the district should be included within the borough. First of all, we object to any alteration, on the ground that our borough is large enough, in all conscience,

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**Manchester.** to be manageable; and that unless the strongest possible case can be made out for a change, the old boundaries which have existed for the last thirty years ought not to be interfered with. If a strong case can be made out, there cannot be the slightest objection to that interference taking place; but unless there is a very strong case, a borough which contains 370,000 inhabitants, and will, in all probability, have upon its register 50,000 voters, does seem to be large enough for practical or useful purposes. It is important to consider by whom the suggestions put before the Commissioners are made. My friend, Mr. Sudlow, appears here, and very candidly and frankly tells the Commissioners, as anyone who knows him would expect him to do, that he is here as a partisan.

**Mr. Cumin.]** We do not consider that; we only look to the number whom he represents.

**The Town Clerk.]** I will not say a word about my friend that may be considered uncalled for; but I think it is most important, with reference to the views I am advocating on behalf of the corporation, to remind the Commissioners from whom the suggestions so materially to interfere with and alter the boundary line come.

**Mr. Cumin.]** We only consider what was the number he represented.

**The Town Clerk.]** You do not yet fully understand the number of the individuals or their character. I read the question put to him by the Commissioners at the former sitting, and the answers given by him. Mr. Sudlow is known to be the very able and indefatigable representative of the Conservative Association, and he would be wanting in duty to his own party if he did not make suggestions which would carry out the political objects which he has in view, and which, as I shall be able to show most conclusively by figures, he would most effectually accomplish if such arrangements as he recommends were carried out.

**Mr. Cumin.]** Political considerations have no weight with us; our instructions are to consider whether there are any considerable number of premises beyond the borough which ought to be included within the Parliamentary borough. "The first question which the Commissioners will have to determine in the case of each borough will be, whether or not the boundaries embrace the whole of the population which ought to be included within the limits of the borough. To enable the Commissioners to form an opinion upon this point, it will be incumbent upon the Assistant Commissioners to inquire whether there are any considerable number of houses beyond the existing borough boundaries, the occupiers of which, from community of interests with the borough, or from local circumstances, may be considered as forming part of the town population." The political part has no effect upon us at all.

**The Town Clerk.]** I am quite sure it has not. I was only going to make use of it as an argument that we should remain as we are; that our borough boundaries need not be enlarged. I will merely state as a fact, that the suggestions for these extraordinary changes come from Mr. Sudlow on the one hand, and from a gentleman who, I think, said he was the representative of the Constitutional Association on the other. I believe there are no other parties. Now, what the Constitutional Association may be I do not profess to understand; but the proposition emanating from it is, that this dotted line on the map should become the boundary of the borough;

that these 6,000 and odd acres should have an addition to it of something like 20,000.

**Mr. Cumin.]** It goes into Stockport: we need not trouble ourselves with that.

**The Town Clerk.]** I do not think we need. Then Mr. Sudlow proposes a more moderate scheme; but that would increase the area of the borough by 8,000 acres.

**Mr. Sudlow.]** The increase would be 4,157 acres.

**The Town Clerk.]** Are you quite sure that is so?

**Mr. Cumin.]** We will take Mr. Sudlow's at 4,000 acres.

**The Town Clerk (referring to the map).]** You will see that I am nearer right than you are. The Commissioners' boundary is green; yours is dotted blue. You will see this district is included, which was excluded from the other. That is not very material. I was merely calling attention to the fact, that those are the two propositions made. The fact is, that my friend Mr. Sudlow would include every mortal district if not in some other borough, provided he could get rid of it from the county. I shall be able to show there is no ground whatever for proposing to add these outside places to the borough in the circumstances under which they are brought before you. I am quite sure the object of any change would be according to the spirit of the Act of Parliament to confer a privilege, not to impose anything in the shape of a penalty, real or supposed. If a man has business in Manchester, and is enabled to take a house in the country, it could hardly be called conferring a privilege on him to take away his county vote in order to take him into a borough, and give him the right of voting amongst 50,000 or 60,000 there. That would not be carrying out the spirit of the Act. In nearly every one of the districts which have been brought under notice wherever there is a population that would obtain the vote by being included within the limits of the borough, that is not a population coming within the description contained in the words which you were kind enough to read from your instructions.

[Mr. Cumin here read again the words referred to.]

**The Town Clerk.]** I say that clearly excludes the population which has been shown to be resident in Stretford, in Gorton, in Openshaw, and in Droylsden that would refer to persons in the occupation of houses under 12*l.*, and who would obtain a vote by being included within the borough. But is it possible, with the evidence before you, to suggest that they are part of the town population of Manchester? It has been proved that they got their daily bread by working in mills, works, factories, or other establishments within the locality in which they reside; that they have no more connection with Manchester than with Stalybridge, Ashton, or any other town in the district, beyond the fact that every town in the Southern Division of Lancashire has a connection with Manchester. It has been shown that they earn their wages in the locality where they reside, and have no connection and no community of interest with Manchester.

**Alderman Clark.]** Ashbury's have no connexion with Manchester?

**The Town Clerk.]** That is in part of Gorton; they are large locomotive works and so on, and employ a great number of people. All the inhabitants who would benefit in the way of having a vote by being brought into Manchester, have no more connection with Manchester than they have with



with the City of London. I am speaking now of the only parties upon whose behalf, as it appears to me, no case can be suggested before the Commissioners for an alteration of our boundaries. If it could be shown that the large numbers resident in Gorton, Openshaw, and Droylsden were really part of the town population of Manchester, a great deal might be said in behalf of their obtaining the borough franchise even at the expense of annihilating county franchises. But it is not the fact. No evidence has been given to show that it is so; on the contrary, all the evidence shows that they are parties unconnected and having no community of interest with the population of Manchester. When I look at these returns laid before you, I feel it would be wasting your time to go beyond the boundary the Commissioners indicated at the last meeting. We were obliged to them for making that suggestion. We considered it our duty to ride over the boundary yesterday. It was a journey of something like 23 miles to go round. I must say that, in respect to a large portion of this district, I was astonished to find that my friend Mr. Sudlow had said that in many instances it would be difficult to know where the borough of Manchester ended and the out-districts began. We rode through miles of what appeared to be strictly agricultural districts, and containing comparatively few houses. But these returns which I have are confined to the district included within the green. Supposing them to be correct, as I believe they are, I find that the gross number of assessments is 9,239. Now, the dwelling-houses of 12 *l.* and over are 2,836, and the dwelling-houses under 12 *l.*, 5,718. Then I find of 12 *l.* and upwards, 443 in Gorton, 189 in Openshaw, and 28 in part of Droylsden, making 660 in these three districts of 12 *l.* and over, whereas there are below 12 *l.*, 2,124 in Gorton, 1,679 in Openshaw, and 490 in that part of Droylsden, making 4,293 under 12 *l.* Now that, of course, is the strongest part of the case, as far as the votes are concerned, and that is why I am particularly calling the attention of the Commissioners to it; because I consider that, as respects the population of these three places, it has been most clearly proved by those who came forward on behalf of those districts to protest against being included within the borough, that the labouring population of those districts cannot be said to be in any respect part of the community of Manchester. For practical purposes, I consider their case for inclusion is actually gone; I think, in the first place, the fact that a district itself protests against being added—

Mr. *Cumin.*] Is most important.

The *Town Clerk.*] Is most important. Mr. Sudlow strongly advised that no public meetings should be called, and in doing so I consider that he only showed his usual judgment. The Commissioners, on the other hand, rather suggested that public meetings might be desirable, and I think the result has proved the soundness of the advice given to his association by my friend Mr. Sudlow. A number of meetings have been held since the last sitting here, and in every instance with one and the same result. No doubt the time was short, but that was immaterial. The mode in which the meetings were occasionally called was somewhat singular, and I am not sure whether sending the bellman round is not the most effective mode of getting a meeting together under such circumstances, as the people are not quite sure what the precise object of the meeting is, and

are rather more likely to attend, perhaps, than if fully informed in the customary way. We have it proved that the meetings were larger than is usual in the respective districts, and they came to one conclusion: that is, they appointed deputations to wait on the Commissioners, and to beg that they might be left alone, and that this "privilege," which, it is alleged, they might enjoy by being added to Manchester, might not be conferred upon them. They do not want it, or do not wish to have it on the terms upon which it is offered. With regard to these three districts, I am relying on the fact that the population is not such as can be said to be a part of the people of this borough. That takes 4,293 of the 660 there are in that district who would be county voters. Let me for a moment look at the general result of the suggestion which is made; and, first of all, I would ask whether there can really be any serious idea of including Stretford, after what has been stated and proved before the Commissioners? Is there any real suggestion in favour of Stretford? As I said before, there is none except from my friend Mr. Sudlow, who lives in the district, and who is, I daresay, prepared to sacrifice himself, and lose his county vote, and become a borough voter. We have him already, and shall be proud to have him, but there is not one real suggestion from Stretford in favour of the change. On the other hand, the residents in public meeting have expressed themselves as unanimously opposed to it, and send their representatives here to ask not to be included. You have the representative of the gentleman who owns the whole township, so far as it is not built upon, and who may be said to be the owner of the other part, for it all pays chief rent to Sir Humphrey de Trafford, begging not to be included. You have another important body, whose interests are so multifarious that they are almost understood by everybody (that is the Bridgewater Trustees) who beg also to be left alone. Is it possible, under the circumstances, that it should be seriously entertained to include Stretford. What are the statistics? There are some 800 houses of 12 *l.* and upwards, and which would, of course, confer county votes. This return says there are 301 under 12 *l.* There is some change in these figures. It was clearly proved that the population are agricultural, living at Stretford, and getting their living by working in fields, farms, and garden districts, and having no sort of connection with Manchester. Could it be gravely proposed to include that district in the borough of Manchester, and disfranchise the 1,600 county votes to add to our fifty odd thousand about 400 borough votes? Let us next go to Moss Side. There was 682 assessments, 619 of these being upwards of 12 *l.*, and therefore giving county votes, and 34 are under 12 *l.* Well, here the only representations brought before you are from parties certainly the most influential of any concerned. There is not a suggestion in favour of change, but strong evidence against it. Mr. Heelis represents Mr. Lloyd, owner of the greater portion of the district

Colonel *Gordon.*] He only spoke of a certain portion.

The *Town Clerk.*] He spoke of nearly the whole of the township.

Colonel *Gordon.*] I did not so understand it.

Mr. *Heelis* (*pointing to the map.*)] Mr. Brooks has the land on a line with this road; the remainder of the township of Stretford belongs, or has belonged to Mr. Lloyd, parts built on being



**Manchester.** under these ties which I have mentioned. Really and substantially, with the exception of the little bit on which I put my finger, the whole township either belongs to my client or is under obligation to him in respect to these ties.

**Mr. Sudlow.]** Mr. Brooks' part of that township is upwards of 120 acres.

**Mr. Heelis.]** And every building in it confers a county vote.

**The Town Clerk.]** Supposing that to be so, it is the only evidence you have before you. I do not wish to overstate the fact, but I know from personal knowledge, that Mr. Lloyd is the owner of a very large portion of the township of Moss Side, and that Mr. Brooks' is of the same character of property. Is it wonderful that no one should be here to urge that 34 who might possibly be made borough voters should be included, except Mr. Sudlow? It is a privilege which the Commissioners are to grant if they grant anything. Is it suggested by anybody that this large number of county voters, many of them enjoying votes within the city already, because they go out of Manchester to reside, is it to be suggested that these gentlemen would wish to have their county votes destroyed, in order that they may have not a second vote, because they cannot have that, but in order that they may be nominally included within the Parliamentary borough of Manchester; such a suggestion would be a most extraordinary one, and one which I trust will never be entertained. As to Withington, I think I need not refer to that, for it seems to be understood that it is not seriously proposed. We next come to Rusholme; part of Rusholme. There is no one here suggesting that Rusholme should be included. The gross number of assessments, according to this return, is 1,164, of which 550 are of 12*l.* and upwards, and the remainder under 12*l.*; that is within the portion of the map marked green. Now, of course, there is a certain number, something like a balance. I have no doubt that there are gentlemen in this room who would be able to give more certain information than I could myself.

**Mr. Cumin.]** I understand your view of a community of interest is this, that a person shall reside and gain his living in the same place.

**The Town Clerk.]** Not exactly; when I speak of the labouring classes occupying houses under 12*l.*, my understanding is, that if they reside and work at a distance of three or four miles from Manchester, and never necessarily come to Manchester once in the year, they have no more community of interest with the borough than if they resided 50 miles away. If people residing just outside the borough, pushed out, as has been suggested, by the pulling down of houses, working in the borough, it might be said that was a population which might be truly considered part of the population of the borough.

**Mr. Cumin.]** Suppose a man lives in one part of the borough, and works there, has he any community of interest with a man who lives here (*pointing to the map*); that is to say, in another part of the borough.

**The Town Clerk.]** No community of interest except that he lives in the same borough.

**Mr. Cumin.]** I want to know whether you consider that both being within the borough, the one being here and the other there, there is any community of interest between them and the rest of the borough.

**The Town Clerk.]** I do not think there would be the slightest community of interest, excepting

we say that they are within the same area of taxation.

**Mr. Cumin.]** But part of the electors now are within the municipal boundary and part without; suppose a person lived within the Parliamentary boundary but not within the municipal borough, there would be no taxation.

**The Town Clerk.]** Of course not.

**Mr. Cumin.]** Then I want to know how you would define community of interest? I understood your principle rather to be, that unless you could find a man residing and gaining his livelihood in the same place, he could not have any community of interest with that place.

**The Town Clerk.]** It is difficult to understand what the meaning of the Act of Parliament itself is; but the instructions you have read give the words of the Act a most ample and liberal interpretation. I say this, it must in some way or other be shown that the population intended to be included has some connection, some association with the Parliamentary borough, into which it may be proposed to bring them.

**Mr. Cumin.]** Or with any of the people in it.

**The Town Clerk.]** Certainly not, or where can that end?

**Mr. Cumin (*pointing to the map*).]** You say Newton and here are both within the Parliamentary borough. We are told to find out if there are any people beyond the Parliamentary borough who have a community of interest with the people within it. Now, there must be community of interest between two men in different parts of a borough. What is it? They do not live or work in the same place. What is the community of interest between a man who lives at Newton and one who lives at Stretford?

**The Town Clerk.]** I say, so far as the Parliamentary boundary is concerned, there is none. There would be no place to stop if we adopt a different conclusion; you might go to London.

**Mr. Cumin.]** But, according to our instructions, there is assumed to be a community of interest of some sort between all persons in a Parliamentary borough, that is it.

**The Town Clerk.]** They have the advantage of representation. I suppose it is assumed that they obtain wonderful privileges and advantages from having a representative in Parliament. We may have a difference of opinion upon that. What they get by being voters is an infinitesimal share in electing a representative. It is assumed that that is a benefit. There can be no doubt that the object is to confer upon a certain class of community, where good cause can be shown for it, a vote; but it is not to be conferred by inflicting a penalty on the other hand. I say that if there was any sort of connection between populations, if they had anything to do in getting other work from Manchester, or were working in Manchester and living in an out township, I should consider it was clear that they had some community of interest with the borough.

**Mr. Cumin.]** We have been in many towns, and have had many constructions put upon the Act, but I am bound to say that yours is the most narrow construction yet put upon our instructions.

**The Town Clerk.]** I have seen what has taken place in other towns, and this idea has been present in the mind of persons appearing at the inquiries, namely, that it was desirable to extend the municipal boundaries to the suggested alteration of the Parliamentary boundaries. I can understand that in Liverpool, for instance, there should



be a large increase suggested; but it is suggested that if there were the intention to alter the municipal boundaries, and make them co-extensive with Parliamentary boundaries, our case would be stronger if we were rid of certain townships included strangely enough in the Parliamentary boundary. There is very little community of interest between Newton Bradford, and Beswick, and Harpurhey; and look at the extraordinary fact: here you have 6,360 in the whole borough, of which 3,402 are unbuilt upon; and of these 3,402 unbuilt upon, 1,901 are in Beswick and 1,235 in Newton Bradford and Harpurhey. How these got into the Parliamentary borough it is not for me to understand; I have no idea; but that there is very little community of interest was proved by the fact that not very long after the Parliamentary borough was formed, the municipal boundaries had to be settled, and, as might be expected, those districts were excluded. There was no community of interest between them, no reason why they should be taxed for the same purposes and to the same extent. I say, but for that, we could make out a strong case for altering the limits of the Parliamentary borough. I was just now referring to Rusholme. I was asked what we considered the position of the labouring population without township; I say distinctly, that they have just as little connection, as little community of interest, as little necessary connection with Manchester, as have any of the other districts, as Gorton, or Openshaw, or Droylsden; that they get their own living in their own township, and have no necessary connection with Manchester. Then, as regards many of the villa occupants in that district, the same observation as I have made about the other places will apply. Most of them will be gentlemen who have business in Manchester, who will have votes. Is there, therefore, any strong reason for interference there? There are 550 who would be voters under the Act, without alteration. It is suggested that these might be added as borough voters; but there is no reason why they should be so added, due regard being had to situation or other local circumstances, for the purpose of conferring upon the occupiers the Parliamentary franchise. The next place is Gorton; I have already referred to almost all that need be said about it. I have stated that the character of the population is very much like that in Openshaw and Droylsden, as regards the fact that there are a large number of occupiers of houses under 12*l*.

Mr. Cumin.] What number?

The Town Clerk.] In Gorton there are 443 assessments above 12*l*., and 2,124 under 12*l*. There, as explained already, you find large works, as in Openshaw, the two townships being very much connected. In the part of Openshaw which it has been suggested should be added, there are 189 assessments of 12*l*. and over, and 1,679 under 12*l*. The population in these two places is perfectly independent of Manchester, having no sort of connection with it. Then there is a part of Droylsden in which there are 28 assessments of 12*l*. and over, and 490 under 12*l*. I have no particular observation to make with respect to Droylsden, except that they do not wish to be included, and I think that is a perfectly good ground of objection. The remarks which I have made with regard to other places will apply to Droylsden.

Mr. Cumin.] What about Failsworth?

The Town Clerk.] We consider Failsworth is

out of the question. We do not see any pretence whatever for their being included. They are nearer to Oldham than to Manchester, and, if anxious to be incorporated with a borough, let them go to Oldham.

Alderman Clark.] They already get their water from Oldham.

The Town Clerk.] There are 1,274 assessments, 87 of 12*l*. and over, and 1,105 under 12*l*. The estimated population per acre is 5½ in Failsworth. I think that this district was scarcely seriously proposed, but still it was included in Mr. Gartside's statement.

Mr. Cumin.] There have been a great many meetings and representations about Failsworth, more, almost, than about any other place.

The Town Clerk.] That is the only district that has itself made any demonstration in favour of being included.

Mr. Cumin.] Can you give any reason why they should differ, in this particular, from other districts?

The Town Clerk.] I cannot suggest any. I do not think that entitles them to be considered a part of the borough population, or that they should become so unless sufficient grounds are stated for their being included. We can only leave the Commissioners to deal with the evidence before them; all the observations I have ventured to make with reference to the working population in other districts would apply more strongly to Failsworth, because they have shown in detail how they get their occupation; how they are employed, and have completely negatived any claim to be considered part of the population of Manchester.

Mr. Chadwick.] We have shown that we have a community of interest. There are 600 handloom weavers who get their occupation from Manchester, and who go to Manchester to spend the chief part of their money there.

The Town Clerk.] Whatever money they get from Manchester they will take to Failsworth, and spend it there.\* At any rate, if they are the prudent people you represent, it would be the wiser course for them to take it home, and not leave it in places, which I will not mention, in Manchester. It has been stated that there was a long street between Manchester and Oldham. It appears to me that their own evidence would put them out of court. No doubt there is such a long street; and it was also said that there was a continuous street all the way to Ashton, and Mr. Ludlow suggested that one-half this long street should go to Ashton, and the other half come within the borough of Manchester. There is scarcely a road out of Manchester of which the same thing might not be said. There is a continuous row of houses for miles; but that they are to be brought within the borough of Manchester cannot be urged on that ground alone. Crumpsall is a somewhat different district, and appears to me to be more likely than any of the others to come within the description which has been referred to. Crumpsall is, undoubtedly, to a certain extent, connected with Manchester.

Mr. Cumin.] What is the number of houses?

The Town Clerk.] The number is not considerable. The gross number of assessments is 739. The number of dwellinghouses of 12*l*.; and over is 20, and the number under 12*l*. is 494; a great proportion of these houses are in Lower Crumpsall, near certain works, and they are houses, it is quite evident, from their character and appearance,

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Manchester. ance, which existed when the Parliamentary borough of Manchester was formed; and therefore there does not appear any strong reason for interfering with the boundaries on that side, seeing that it was not thought desirable to include them within the Parliamentary borough at the time I have mentioned. The new houses in that neighbourhood are mostly of a superior kind, and would be entitled to county votes. Crumpsall may be said to be more connected with this district from position than any of the other reasons suggested. I would go on to say, that if it were thought desirable, on some grounds, to make some small addition to the borough in one or two of these places, it does not appear to me that for the accomplishment of such an object it would be desirable to interfere with the old existing boundaries. It does appear to the corporation representing the inhabitants for whom I appear, and more in the matter that we should be allowed to continue with our old existing boundaries, and that no change should be made. If there had been any very important object to accomplish, the question of extension might have been worthy of consideration; but I feel confident, for reasons given by gentlemen who appear on behalf of the districts, as well as for reasons which I venture to suggest for myself, that there is not any such object to be served, and I hope in the end we shall be allowed to continue as we are, and that our boundaries will remain unaltered.

Mr. Cumin.] It has been said that you will have 50,000 voters under the new Act; supposing the part extending to the green line were taken in, how many additional voters would you have?

The Town Clerk.] The probable addition would be about 5,000; between 4,000 and 5,000, I think, Mr. Sudlow said.

Mr. Sudlow.] It was a hap-hazard guess.

The Town Clerk.] Do you think that it is correct; you must bear in mind that you destroy almost as many county votes?

Mr. Cumin.] You would say an addition of 5,000?

Mr. Clayton.] More.

Mr. Sudlow.] I do not think more.

Mr. Cumin.] Supposing we put it at 10,000.

The Town Clerk.] I have a calculation; I think about 7,000 would be the addition. There are nearly 3,000 county votes which would be destroyed.

Mr. Cumin.] How many county votes would there be under the new system?

The Town Clerk.] Of course the addition would be the difference between the present 50 *l.* occupiers and the 12 *l.* rental, and that I cannot exactly state.

Mr. Sudlow.] The total number in the townships within a three miles' radius would be 3,929. The total number of votes on the register was 1,219, and the addition of the several townships is nearly 12,000.

The Town Clerk.] Then you would destroy 4,000 new votes, to say nothing of existing county votes, by the proposed change in these districts. For the sake of getting 7,000 odd borough votes, you would destroy 4,000 and upwards of county votes; so that this great change, assuming that it was carried out to the full extent, would only leave a balance of 3,000 votes. Is there any ground, any pretence whatever, for making or suggesting such a change for so miserable a result. I believe if it were to be attempted, it would lead to most serious agitation to prevent a large and important

district, which has some influence as a portion of the county representation, being annihilated, swamped in fact, in an enormous, overgrown and unmanageable borough constituency. I need not say anything to prove the accuracy of any interpretation of the meaning of the Act. Whatever the instructions may be, they, of course, suggest something like an interpretation of the Act of Parliament, and the Act of Parliament, after all, must be the rule to guide in coming to a decision. The words of the Act are to include "due regard being had to situation or other local circumstances, for the purpose of conferring upon the occupiers thereof the Parliamentary franchise." How can it be suggested that there are any circumstances in the situation, to begin with. These people live miles out of Manchester; they do not work in Manchester, and have no connection with Manchester. I am speaking now of the labouring population. What other local circumstances can be suggested, which would show any ground whatever for including them as Manchester voters?

Colonel Gordon.] We have the evidence, and our opinion will be guided necessarily in some measure by personal inspection.

The Town Clerk.] Of course, the Commissioners will form their own opinion?

Colonel Gordon.] We only give them information upon which they may be able to form their own conclusion.

Mr. Cumin.] The words are "The Parliamentary franchise for such borough." If the object had simply been to confer the franchise, the words "for such borough" might have been left out.

The Town Clerk.] That makes all the difference; you must show that there is some immediate direct connection, or some circumstance which proves that they ought to be voters for a particular borough.

Mr. Cumin.] Supposing there was a district like this (*pointing to the map*), part of which is inhabited by persons who have villa residences, and part by persons who would be borough voters, but not county voters; how would you construe the words in that case.

The Town Clerk.] With respect to the borough voters, it must, first of all, be shewn that there are some peculiar circumstances which would entitle them to become voters. If such circumstances exist, then I think it becomes a question of the balance of good and evil. If you could enfranchise 4,000 by disfranchising 100, I should say that there would be good reason for enfranchisement; but, on the other hand, if you disfranchise as many almost as you enfranchise, there would be equally good reason for not enfranchising. I think, in every case, it is for the people themselves to express an opinion, and where there is a difference of opinion, where there is a doubt; then if the people protest against having the privilege conferred upon them, their views and feelings ought, most fairly and properly to be considered.

Mr. Cumin.] I should like to hear Mr. Sudlow's view as to the meaning of the term community of interest.

Mr. Sudlow.] The view I have always taken has been this, that you are sent down here for the purpose of inquiring, by evidence you may receive, and also by personal inspection of the district, whether you are satisfied there has been an overflowing of the population from the old borough into the outside townships; and also whether there



there is any community of interests between these outside townships and any part of the Parliamentary borough. Then your inquiries cease. Mr. Heron has twitted me with advising that no meetings should be called. I did so, but under authority which would claim respect if I named it; and I did so on this ground, that if you were satisfied, these two things existed, namely, an overflowing of population to the out-townships, and a community of interest between that overflow of population and some part of the borough, you had nothing to do with the sentiments, of feelings, or wishes of those who might reside beyond the borough. I submit to you that it will be impossible after what you have heard, and also by the personal inspection you have made, not to be satisfied that there is a very great overflowing of population on all sides of the Parliamentary borough, except probably on the Newton side, and that you cannot fail to come to the conclusion, that there is a very great community of interest between all these outside townships and the borough. I take community of interest to mean this: community of interest between these townships and any part of the Parliamentary borough. If these outside residents obtain their water and gas from Manchester; if they come into Manchester to make their markets; if their offices are in Manchester, or if any business calls them into Manchester, I say there is community of interest between these outside townships and the borough, and that these conditions exist, there cannot be the remotest doubt. Perhaps nothing could show more clearly the community of interest which subsists between them than the simple fact of omnibuses running to the extremity of almost all of them every 10 minutes, to convey passengers having business between these townships and Manchester. I would call attention to the remark made by Mr. Heron, that in the event of any townships being annexed municipally to the corporation of Manchester, there ought to be such community of interest as would entitle the corporation to tax that township.

*The Town Clerk.*] I did not suggest anything of the kind; I said that if it had been the original question, we should certainly have objected to the addition of Newton to the borough. My remark was rather in reference to what I knew was taking place in other towns, where they proposed large extensions with the avowed opinions that it was desirable to extend the municipal to the Parliamentary boundary.

*Mr. Sudlow.*] I take it, you would have no right to bring within the municipal boundary of Manchester, any township, without a strong community of interests. I make this observation, because I am surprised to find the ground which Mr. Heron has taken up before you. From the published report of what has taken place in the council, we are told that application has already been made for some of these townships to be municipally incorporated with Manchester.

*The Town Clerk.*] Certainly not; do not argue

upon a gross mis-statement of fact. There is not a shadow of foundation for such a suggestion. Manchester.

*Mr. Sudlow.*] Mr. Alderman Clark is answerable for the statement I made.

*The Town Clerk.*] Alderman Clark's statement was this, that if through the instrumentality of Mr. Sudlow, large districts were to be added to the Parliamentary borough, he would give notice that the town clerk should be instructed to apply to Parliament to make the municipal and Parliamentary boundaries co-extensive. That is what your clients must expect if you get them included within the Parliamentary borough.

*Mr. Sudlow.*] I am not alluding to that meeting, but to a previous one [Mr. Sudlow read quotations from "City News" report of council meeting in question]. It proves that there is a community of interest between these townships and Manchester. I will put in a return drawn up since I was here before, showing the relative increase in rateable value and population in municipal city of Manchester, in the three townships forming the rest of the Parliamentary borough, and in the out-townships within the line indicated by the Commissioners within those townships forming the city of Manchester, the increase has been at the rate of 21 per cent. on the value between 1854 and 1866, and the increase in population 11½ per cent. In the three townships within the Parliamentary borough, but not included in the city, the increase in value has been 30 per cent., and the increase in population 50 per cent. In the seven townships, part of which the line indicated by the Commissioners enclosed, the increase in value has been 71 per cent., and the increase in population 77½ per cent. That shows in which direction the population is extending. You must look forward; this is a thing which will last 30 or 40 years. I think you cannot overcome these figures. The substantial purport of your inquiry I take it is, whether there has been such an overflowing of population as would necessitate a broader boundary; and is there such a community of interest between the outside townships and the present borough, as to bring them within the borough? If so, you may ignore the protests of the deputations.

*Alderman Clark.*] What I stated was quite misrepresented by Mr. Sudlow. Upon every occasion I have, in the strongest possible manner, objected to any addition to the municipal city; but I contend that, if we are to have other townships forced upon us for Parliamentary purposes, then those townships ought to be added to the municipal borough.

The town clerk handed in a return, showing the rate of population per acre in the various townships which had been referred to, both inside and external to the present Parliamentary borough.

*Mr. Cumin.*] I do not know that there is anything further to say; and we will consider the inquiry closed.





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1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

London, 21 October 1867.

WE recommend the extension of the borough of Marylebone towards the north and west, so as to include part of the parish of St. John's, Hampstead, and the northern portion of Highgate (the southern portion of which is already included in the borough). On the west, we also recommend the addition of a part of the parish of Willesden, as shown on the plan in purple.

The jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Board of Works extends over the whole of the parish of St. John's, Hampstead, as shown on the plan, in green. The parish of Hornsea, in which the portion of Highgate which we propose to annex is situated, will, next month, be governed by a local board under the Public Health and Local Government Acts. No part of Willesden is under the Metropolitan Board of Works or any local government Act. We find that the area between the boundaries of Paddington parish and the London and North Western Railway, commonly called Kilburn New Town, in the parish of Willesden, is built over, and that the buildings extend on each side of the Edgware-road uninterruptedly (as shown in dark red on the plan), to the Hampstead and City Junction Railway. We therefore recommend that the boundary of the borough of Marylebone should extend to the London and North Western Railway, and along the Edgware-road as far as the Hampstead and City Junction Railway, over a space 550 yards wide.

We have received the accompanying memorial, expressing the general desire of the inhabitants of this district that the boundaries of the borough should be extended to the Hampstead and City Junction Railway for the whole distance between the Edgware and Finchley-roads; but, considering the large size of the borough, we do not recommend that the boundary should extend further beyond the parts built upon than the line shown in purple extending past the North Star Inn; and we propose that it should be carried along the west side of the town of Hampstead, past the parish church as far as the flag staff on the Heath, and thence eastwardly to the present boundary.

In the portions of Willesden, Hampstead, and Hornsea which we propose to add to the borough of Marylebone, the number of houses and present estimated population is as follows:

|                     | Houses. | Population. |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|
| Willesden - - - - - | 1,130   | 7,000       |
| Hampstead - - - - - | 2,670   | 18,690      |
| Hornsea - - - - -   | 250     | 1,750       |
| TOTAL - - - - -     | 4,050   | 27,440      |

The following is the description of the boundary of the borough of Marylebone which we recommend:

From the north-west angle of the existing boundary of the borough in Kensal Green-lane, due northwards to the southern boundary of the premises of the London and North Western Railway Company, and along that boundary eastward to a point 300 yards to the west of the Edgware-road; thence northwards to a point in the southern boundary of the Hampstead and City Junction Railway 300 yards west of the Edgware-road; and eastward along that boundary to a point 250 yards east of that road; thence southwards to a point 200 feet to the north of Quex-road, and 250 yards from the Edgware-road; and from that point eastwards to the north-western angle of the "North Star Inn," on the Finchley-road; thence north-eastwardly to the centre of the shaft, No. 4, in the Midland Railway Tunnel, and from thence in a straight line towards the spire of Hampstead parish church, and from the point where it intersects the south-eastern wall of the churchyard westwards along its boundary to the lane on its north side; thence

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thence westward along the south side of that lane, the west side of Frognaal, and the west side of the terrace, to the flag staff on the Heath, and thence eastwards in the direction of the spire of St. Anne's Church as far as the point where it intersects the existing boundary of the borough, and north-westward along that boundary to the angle in it about 250 yards west of High-street, Highgate; thence northwards to a point 150 yards west of North Hill-road, in the prolongation of the south side of the short lane opposite to the north-western angle of the premises of the Penitentiary, and from that point eastward along the south side of that lane and the northern and eastern boundaries of the premises of the Penitentiary to the junction of Jackson's-lane and Southwood-lane; thence due east to a point 100 yards east of Southwood-lane, and southwardly at the same distance from that lane to a point 100 yards north of High-street; thence eastwardly at the same distance from that street till it intersects a line drawn due north-east from the junction of the northern boundaries of the boroughs of Marylebone and Finsbury, and along that line and the existing boundary of this borough to the first-named point.

We have, &amp;c.

(signed) *P. J. Bainbrigge*, Major General,  
Royal Engineers.

To the Boundary Commissioners.

*Nassau J. Senior.*

## 2.—PETITIONS.

### PETITION of the Vestry of the Parish of *St. John's, Hampstead.*

The humble Petition of the Vestry of the Parish of *St. John's, Hampstead*, in the County of Middlesex :

Showeth,

THAT a Bill has been recently introduced into your Honourable House to settle and describe the limits of certain boroughs, and the divisions of certain counties in England and Wales, in so far as respects the election of Members to serve in Parliament, to be cited "The Boundary Act, 1868."

That it is proposed by such Bill to alter the boundaries of the old boroughs, specified in the first schedule thereto, in manner therein mentioned, and that such boroughs should, for all purposes relating to the election of a Member or Members to serve in Parliament, include the places which in such schedule are respectively specified and described in conjunction with the names of such boroughs.

That, amongst the places specified in the same schedule, in conjunction with the borough of Marylebone, is the parish of *St. John's, Hampstead.*

That the inhabitants of this parish, at a public meeting convened for the purpose of expressing their opinion on this subject, strongly objected to the proposed union for electoral purposes with the borough of Marylebone, or with any other metropolitan borough, feeling that from the size of the metropolitan constituencies the weight of their votes would substantially be lost; and, therefore, amongst other reasons, they preferred to be represented by the Members for the county of Middlesex, and to retain their franchise for that county in right of their present qualification; and, as an additional objection, it is deemed possible that if the parish of *St. John, Hampstead*, be not now united with any metropolitan borough for electoral purposes, from the rapid increase in the number of houses building, and of the inhabitants residing in the parish, it may at some future time be entitled to ask that it be formed into a separate borough, and to return one or more Members to serve in Parliament.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray of your Honourable House, for the reasons hereinbefore stated, that the borough of Marylebone shall not, for the purposes mentioned in the Boundary Act, 1868, include the parish of *St. John, Hampstead.*

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

1 Signature.

### The humble Petition of the Ratepayers of *St. John's Wood* and *Kilburn* :

Showeth,

That as Her Majesty's Commissioners have recommended that the parish of Hampstead (of which Kilburn and *St. John's Wood* form a populous and important part) should be included in the boundary of the Parliamentary borough of Marylebone, your Petitioners humbly beg your Honourable House will sanction such recommendation.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

57 Signatures.



PETITION of the Vestry of the Parish of *Saint Pancras*.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,  
in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the Vestry of the Parish of Saint Pancras, in  
the County of Middlesex, under their Common Seal :

Showeth,

THAT a Bill is now pending in your Honourable House to confirm a Report made by the Boundary Commissioners for England and Wales.

That the said parish of Saint Pancras is one of the three parishes comprising the borough of Marylebone, and contains nearly one-half of the registered electors.

That the number of such electors now registered is 5,253 in Paddington, 7,618 in Marylebone, and 10,625 in Saint Pancras.

That such numbers make Marylebone one of the largest constituencies in England, and the trouble and expense of an election necessarily very heavy.

That it is now extremely difficult for any candidate to hold sufficient meetings after the dissolution of Parliament, and prior to an election, to make his views known throughout the whole district.

That when the Assistant Boundary Commissioners held their meeting in the said borough there was no one who appeared and asked for any large extension of the borough, and no such extension was mentioned by the Commissioners, and consequently no opinion was taken as to its desirability or its advisability.

That if the Commissioners had possessed the power of diminishing the size of the borough, and giving additional representatives, such a reduction of size would have been strongly advocated.

That a large increase in the number of registered electors will take place under the new franchise, still adding to the expense of the candidates and the difficulty of communicating with the voters.

That your Petitioners were, therefore, greatly surprised to find that the Boundary Commissioners proposed to increase still further the numbers of the electors by enlarging the boundary of the borough, by adding the whole of the parish of St. John's, Hampstead, a part of the parish of Hornsey and Kilburn, and Kilburn Park, in the parish of Willesden.

That the Commissioners do not, in any part of their Report, state the number of rated houses in the proposed addition, but it is believed that they are sufficient to add one-fifth or one-sixth to the constituency which the present boundary will give.

That the registered voters in the borough are already larger than Liverpool, Manchester, and Birmingham, and the registered electors in Saint Pancras alone are one-third more than those of Leeds, which is about equal to it in population; that, notwithstanding this number of present electors, the borough of Marylebone will return only two Members, while each of those boroughs will return three Members.

That the property in the district proposed to be added will qualify the occupiers, or a great portion of them, for votes for the county, so that they will not suffer materially by not having the borough franchise.

That, if the proposed addition be made, the size of the borough will make it particularly unmanageable for election purposes.

Your Petitioners, therefore, pray that the said Bill may not pass; and that they may be heard by themselves, their agents and attorneys, against the same before the Committee to which the same has been referred.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

The Common Seal of the Vestry of the Parish of Saint Pancras,  
Middlesex, affixed hereto by order of the said Vestry, in the  
presence of—

L. S.

Chief Clerk.

Vestry Offices, St. Pancras, Middlesex.

### 3.—MEMORIALS.

— None. —

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#### 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

To the Chairman and Members of the Committee appointed by the House of Commons to consider the Boundaries of Boroughs Bill.

Committee Room, Ratepayers' Association,  
Princess of Wales Hotel, Abbey-road West, Kilburn,  
20 May 1868.

Gentlemen,

I AM directed most respectfully to invite your attention to a petition of ratepayers residing in Kilburn and St. John's Wood, presented last week to the House of Commons, praying that these crowded neighbourhoods may, as recommended by Her Majesty's Commissioners, be included within the Parliamentary boundary of the borough of Marylebone.

The petition originated with a large public meeting held some time back in Kilburn, presided over by Donald Nicoll, Esq., a local magistrate, and late M.P. for Frome.

The petition was respectably signed, no effort was made to obtain a great number of signatures, but the feeling of the neighbourhoods is so general in favour of the incorporation, there would be no difficulty in getting several thousand signatures; this would necessarily take some time, and the committee of the ratepayers of Kilburn and St. John's Wood fear that the opposition to the prayer of their petition (which opposition was got up by the rural district of Hampstead through its vestry) may possibly influence the Committee to believe that the matter, as represented by this association, is either of no importance, or is not sought by a large majority of the inhabitants of districts immediately adjoining Marylebone parish.

The vestry of Hampstead are almost self-elected, as St. John's Wood and that part of Kilburn in the parish of Hampstead have practically no voice in the election of vestrymen; the inhabitants have long fruitlessly sought to have the locality divided like Marylebone into electoral wards; the old town of Hampstead is nearly two miles off from the crowded parts of the parish, next to the present boundaries of the borough of Marylebone, and it is to be regretted that a sufficient number of ratepayers cannot be induced to go that distance to assist in the election of vestrymen (always held at that distance), consequently, the petition of the vestry opposing the recommendation of the Commissioners cannot fairly be taken to represent the views of the community like that contained in the petition in support of the plans of the Commissioners now before you. I am also directed to point out that the place called Kilburn is a neighbourhood now almost entirely built over what was a few years back open country; that its name, by common acceptance, describes portions of four parishes, namely, a part of Marylebone, a part of Hampstead, a part of Paddington, and a part of Willesden; all these parishes meet at a point close to where Kilburn turnpike formerly stood, and I am, on behalf of my committee (and who are appointed to represent the ratepayers generally), requested to state that no wish is felt by them to include the old rural parts of Hampstead or Highgate within the proposed Parliamentary boundary, and with that view I have enclosed to you a survey made at the cost of the ratepayers, and a suggested and easily defined boundary, which would meet the wishes of both parties, as far as this part of Hampstead is concerned; that is to say, would admit those desiring to be incorporated and exclude those objecting thereto. I will further add, that Donald Nicoll, Esq., J.P. (chairman of the association), and Charles Locke, Esq., are deputed to wait on your Honourable Committee to give any explanations that you may desire; possibly the wishes of your Honourable Committee may be forwarded, directed to our chairman, whose address is, Oaklands Hall, Kilburn.

I have, &c.  
(signed) *Robt. Booth,*  
Hon. Secretary.

To the Right Honourable  
Spencer Walpole, M.P., Chairman,  
House of Commons.

Sir,

Vestry Offices, Hampstead,  
25 May 1868.

On behalf of the vestry of the parish of St. John's, Hampstead, I take the liberty of forwarding herewith a statement of some of the reasons which induce the parish to hope it will not be added to the borough of Marylebone, for Parliamentary purposes.

I have, &c.  
(signed) *W. Gribble,* Vestry Clerk.

The Chairman of the  
Committee on the Boundary Bill.

## PARISH OF ST. JOHN'S, HAMPSTEAD.

## BOUNDARY BILL, 1868.

REASONS against the Bill, so far as relates to the Parish of *St. John's, Hampstead*.

THE inhabitants of the parish of St. John's, Hampstead, object to the parish forming part of the borough of Marylebone for Parliamentary purposes for the following reasons :

1. That, at a large public meeting of the inhabitants, duly convened, it was the unanimous opinion and feeling of the meeting that the electors preferred retaining their votes for the county of Middlesex, and being represented by the Members of the county in right of their present qualifications, to being included in, and forming part of, the borough of Marylebone.

2. It is felt by the parties having the franchise, and by the parish generally, that if they are added to, and are to form a part of, the borough of Marylebone, the weight of their votes and the expression of their political opinions will be entirely lost, through the already overgrown and unwieldy extent and size of the borough of Marylebone.

3. The present number of the inhabitants of the parish is about 28,000; the number of inhabited houses exceeds 4,000, and is rapidly increasing, exceeding by eight times the number of various boroughs now separately represented in Parliament; and it is considered not improbable that Hampstead may hereafter be fairly deemed entitled to a separate representation, if not now joined to the borough of Marylebone, on any redistribution of seats.

4. From an examination of the rate books of the parish, it is believed that the number of persons within the parish who will be entitled to the franchise, under the Reform Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, as borough voters (if the parish be added to and form part of the borough of Marylebone) will only exceed by 44, or thereabouts, the number of persons within the parish who will now be entitled to vote for Members for the county.

5. The property in the parish of St. John's, Hampstead, belongs principally to Sir Thomas Maryon Wilson, Bart., to the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, and to Eton College. Except as to the interests of the above-named parties, it is mainly of copyhold or leasehold tenure; and persons now entitled to vote for the county *as owners of such copyhold or leasehold interests*, but who may not hereafter be entitled to votes for the borough of Marylebone, will practically be disfranchised, copyhold or leasehold interests within boroughs not conferring votes on the owners.

6. There is no such community of interests between the borough of Marylebone and the parish as would render it desirable or proper that the parish should be united to the borough of Marylebone for Parliamentary purposes.





## MIDDLESBROUGH.

### 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

MIDDLESBROUGH has sprung not only into importance but into actual existence since 1832. Thirty-six years ago there was but one house on the site of a town which has now an estimated population of 32,000 within the limits of the municipality, besides a large out-lying population. The Stockton and Darlington Railway Company fixed upon Middlesbrough, which is about seven miles from the mouth of the Tees, as a convenient port for the shipment of coal. A dock, nine acres in extent, was constructed in 1842, and there are now several shipbuilding yards on the banks of the river. But the town owes its rapid growth chiefly to the ironstone mines which have been opened since 1848 in the Cleveland district. The Eston and Normanby mines are situate about four miles south of the town, and the workmen employed in these mines live somewhat nearer to Middlesbrough, in a district which has acquired the not inappropriate name of "California." Lines of rail, constructed by the companies or private firms which lease the mines, bring down the ironstone from the hills to the river side, either for shipment or for smelting.

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Except at a point hereafter mentioned, the blast furnaces which receive and convert great part of the produce of these mines lie upon the south bank of the river, in the townships of Middlesbrough, Ormesby, Normanby, and Eston. The works at Eston Junction, in the township last named, are the farthest removed from the borough, being at a distance of about three miles. Of the workpeople employed outside the town a considerable number live at North Ormesby, which is situate about half a mile from the municipal boundary of Middlesbrough, and contains a population of nearly 3,000. Others reside in Middlesbrough itself, and travel to and fro on the Middlesbrough and Redcar Railway by means of weekly tickets issued to them at reduced rates. Normanby and Ormesby townships have local boards of their own, both constituted in 1865, and exercising jurisdiction respectively over that part of each township not comprised within the municipal limits of Middlesbrough.

It is necessary now to describe these limits, and in so doing to trace shortly the progress of the municipality. The first local Act was passed in 1841 (4 & 5 Vict. c. 68), and under that Act improvement commissioners were appointed, whose jurisdiction extended over the township of Middlesbrough, and a small portion of the township of Linthorpe, which adjoins it on the west. In 1853 the town obtained a charter of incorporation, and the powers previously conferred upon the commissioners became vested in the corporation. By a Provisional Order, dated 18th July 1855, and confirmed by "The Public Health Supplemental Act" of the same year, the corporation was made a local board of health, its jurisdiction being confined to the limits already mentioned. In 1856 a second, and in 1858 a third, Improvement Act was passed, by the latter of which the municipal borough was enlarged on the east, so as to comprise part of the adjoining townships of Ormesby and Normanby. The additions then made, however, proved insufficient to meet the rapid growth of the town, and by another local Act passed in 1866 (29 & 30 Vict. c. 143), the area of the municipal borough was further enlarged from 750 to 1,900 acres, and now includes the township of Middlesbrough (except certain detached portions), a part of Linthorpe township on the west, the northernmost portions of Marton and Ormesby townships on the east, and a small portion of Normanby township lying along the river bank, still farther to the east of the borough. The local board of health are the proprietors of the gasworks, and are empowered by the Act of 1866 to lay pipes and supply gas outside the borough in the whole of the townships of Linthorpe, Marton, Normanby, and (on obtaining the consent of the Ormesby local Board) of Ormesby.

South of North Ormesby, which is virtually a suburb of Middlesbrough and of Eston Junction, a belt of agricultural land, some two miles in width, separates the ironworkers from the miners who congregate in the "California" district. Along the Marton-road, which runs from Middlesbrough through the centre of Marton township in a southerly direction till it meets the Stockton and Darlington-road, there are numerous villa residences. These already extend nearly to the municipal boundary on the south, and it is probable that, in the course of a few years, they will extend much farther.

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The temporary boundaries set forth in the schedule of the Reform Act of 1867 included the whole township of Linthorpe, with "so much of the townships of Middlesbrough, Ormesby, and Eston, as lie to the north of the road leading from Eston towards Yarm," marked in the Ordnance map as the Stockton and Darlington road. This seems to be an inadequate description of the district which it was proposed to include, for there is no mention either of Marton, a portion of which township lies within the municipal borough, or of Normanby, which separates Eston from the rest of the proposed Parliamentary borough, and part of which, therefore, must be included, in order to establish a continuous boundary line.

The town council at Middlesbrough at first decided to recommend that the Parliamentary should be identical with the municipal borough. Subsequently, by a unanimous resolution, they proposed the addition of such part of the township of Linthorpe as is not comprised within the municipal borough, and the further addition of two detached portions of Middlesbrough township. In the same resolution the corporation stated that they "did not object to the inclusion of North Ormesby" if the landed proprietors and inhabitants desired to form part of the Parliamentary borough.

It appears to the Assistant Commissioners that even this amended proposal will not meet the requirements of the case, and that no such contraction of the temporary boundaries contemplated by the Act is expedient. The governing bodies in any town can, by means of local Acts, procure from time to time such an extension of boundaries for purposes of municipal government as the growth of the town demands; but the Assistant Commissioners submit that, in assigning a Parliamentary boundary to any place, it is necessary to take a larger view, and as far as possible, within reasonable limits, to prevent any call for periodic legislation. The changes which, within a comparatively short period, have been made in the municipal boundaries of Middlesbrough, of themselves suggest the necessity of providing ample boundaries for the new Parliamentary borough. In 1851 the population of Middlesbrough within municipal limits was 7,500; in 1861, it had risen to 18,900; and it is now estimated at 32,000. Though the trade of the town at present mainly depends upon one branch of industry, and may therefore be liable to periods of depression, there seems to be no reason for supposing that this increase of population will not continue. An extensive bed of rock-salt has recently been discovered close to the town, and it is probable that important chemical works will be established here. In that case, no long time will elapse before North Ormesby and the blast furnaces at Eston, Cleveland, and Cargofleet will be united to the town by continuous lines of houses or works.

It appears to the Assistant Commissioners that a fair line of demarcation may be drawn between the mining and the iron-working portions of the inhabitants in and around Middlesbrough. The former may be more properly considered a country population, and they live in small and detached communities in the neighbourhood of the mines, which are widely dispersed throughout the hills forming the Cleveland district. The mines which are situated in the vicinity of the town are outside the temporary boundary set forth in the Reform Act, and the miners employed there also live almost entirely outside that boundary. It appears, also, that the whole produce of the Eston mines is not consumed in Middlesbrough, nor do the works in and around Middlesbrough draw their whole supply from those mines. The mining population is of necessity somewhat migratory and subject to fluctuation, as mines are worked out or others opened up. On the other hand, the iron-workers are necessarily congregated, and are more permanent residents, in the immediate neighbourhood of the works in which they are employed.

The Assistant Commissioners suggest that the road proposed as the southern boundary does not fulfil all the conditions which are required in the boundary of any borough, inasmuch as it would include only the houses on the north side, excluding the far larger mining population which lies to the south of such road. The whole of the smelting furnaces, foundries, rolling mills, and other works being situated on the banks of the river, which affords the most convenient outlet for their produce, the Assistant Commissioners are of opinion that it will not be necessary or desirable to include within the borough the whole belt of agricultural land already mentioned; and they accordingly recommend that the line of road leading from Eston towards Yarm shall not be retained as the permanent boundary of the Parliamentary borough.

A proposal was made to the Assistant Commissioners during their inquiry, that a line drawn parallel to, and one mile north of, the Eston and Yarm road, should be taken as the southern boundary; and it was urged that such a line would afford sufficient space to allow for any probable extension of the town, at the same time excluding any undue proportion of agricultural land, or what might be considered a country population. The Assistant Commissioners concur generally in this view, but they believe that the boundary which they propose, and which does not differ very materially from that suggested, will be more easy of definition and identification.

An objection was raised on the part of landowners and others in the township of Linthorpe to the inclusion within the Parliamentary borough of any further portion of that township than that which is already included in the municipal borough, and another small portion of land lying to the east of the highway from Newport southwards. Considering the existence of ironworks at this point, close to the municipal boundary, and their probable extension along the bank of the river, the Assistant Commissioners do not think it desirable to recommend any alteration in the temporary boundary as regards that portion of Linthorpe township lying south of the Tees. It was represented to the Assistant Commissioners,



Commissioners, however, that the northern portion of this township, situated north of the river, would more properly be included within the Parliamentary borough of Stockton. The Tees at this point was formerly the boundary between the counties of York and Durham, and was also the northern boundary of Linthorpe. But its devious course has been straightened here by a "new cut," which was made under Parliamentary powers obtained by the Tees Conservancy Board, and this "cut," now forming the only channel for navigation, severs the township of Linthorpe. The Assistant Commissioners conferred in London with General Moody and Mr. Bathurst, who were appointed to inquire into the Parliamentary boundaries of Stockton. These will meet the boundaries of Middlesbrough on the west, and the Assistant Commissioners concur with their colleagues in thinking that the Parliamentary borough of Middlesbrough should not include that portion of Linthorpe township lying to the north of the new channel of the river.

Objections were raised by owners of property in Ormesby, and by other inhabitants, to the inclusion of any portion of that township lying outside the municipal borough; but in view of the intimate connection already spoken of between North Ormesby and Middlesbrough, the Assistant Commissioners submit that such objections have no reasonable claim to consideration.

At Port Clarence, on the north side of the River Tees, in the county of Durham, are situated extensive ironworks belonging to Messrs. Bell, who have erected for the accommodation of their workmen 120 houses, containing an estimated population of 700 or 800 persons. There exists, no doubt, a certain identity of interest between the population of Port Clarence and Middlesbrough; but, on the whole, the Assistant Commissioners do not think it desirable to overstep the natural boundary presented by the river, and to include any portion of another county.

The Assistant Commissioners therefore recommend that the boundary of the Parliamentary borough of Middlesbrough shall consist as follows: Such portion of the township of Linthorpe as lies to the south of the present channel of the River Tees, known as the "New Cut"; such portion of the township of Middlesbrough as lies to the north of the southern boundary of the said township of Linthorpe; such portions of the townships of Marton, Ormesby, and Eston as lie north of a line drawn from the point where the boundary of the township of Linthorpe joins the boundary of the township of Marton to the foot-bridge over the Ormesby Beck, 1,300 yards or thereabouts south of the boundary of the municipal borough, and thence in a straight line to a point in the eastern boundary of the township of Eston, one mile measured along that boundary in a northerly direction from the point where it crosses the road leading from Eston to Yarm; the northern boundary of all such townships as border the River Tees being understood to be the mid-channel line of the said river.

The following Table shows the number of inhabited houses, and the estimated population within the temporary boundaries set forth in the Act, and those recommended by the Assistant Commissioners:—

|                   | As Proposed in<br>the Schedule of the Act. |                          | As Proposed by<br>the Assistant Commissioners. |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
|                   | Number of<br>Inhabited Houses.             | Estimated<br>Population. | Number of<br>Inhabited Houses.                 | Estimated<br>Population. |
| Middlesbrough - - | 4,545                                      | 27,270                   | 4,545                                          | 27,270                   |
| Ormesby - - - -   | 611                                        | 3,666                    | 578                                            | 3,468                    |
| Normanby - - -    | 311                                        | 1,866                    | 286                                            | 1,716                    |
| Marton - - - -    | nil                                        | nil.                     | 81                                             | 486                      |
| Eston - - - -     | 164                                        | 984                      | 141                                            | 846                      |
| Linthorpe - - -   | 540                                        | 3,240                    | 540                                            | 3,240                    |
| TOTAL - - -       | 6,171                                      | 37,026                   | 6,171                                          | 37,026                   |

T. W. Milward, Lieut.-Colonel, R. A.  
Frederick Clifford.

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## 2.—PETITIONS.

PETITION of Owners and Occupiers of Property situate in the Township of *Linthorpe* and *Middlesbrough*, in the County of *York*.

To the Right Honourable the Commons of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled :

The humble Petition of the undersigned Owners and Occupiers of Property situate in the Townships of *Linthorpe* and *Middlesbrough*, in the County of *York*.

Showeth,

THAT a Bill is now pending in your Honourable House, the short title of which is "The Boundary Act, 1868."

That in the second Schedule to the said Bill it is proposed that the Parliamentary borough of Middlesbrough shall include (*inter alia*) such part of the township of Linthorpe as lies to the south of the present channel of the River Tees, known as the "New Cut," and also such parts of the township of Middlesbrough as lie to the north of the southern boundary of the said township of Linthorpe.

That your petitioners are owners and occupiers of property within such parts of the said townships of Linthorpe and Middlesbrough, or of one of them, as are proposed to be included within the said Parliamentary borough.

That by "The Middlesbrough Extension and Improvement Act, 1866," the area of the municipal borough of Middlesbrough was extended and increased from 750 to 1,900 acres, and such increase comprised all such portions of the said townships of Linthorpe and Middlesbrough as were likely to become incorporated with the town of Middlesbrough within a reasonable number of years.

That upon the inquiry made at Middlesbrough by the Assistant Boundary Commissioners under the "Representation of the People Act, 1867," some of your petitioners opposed the inclusions of the portions of the townships of Linthorpe and Middlesbrough above described, and no evidence was given, nor any reason assigned, for the inclusion of the districts in question.

That the portions of the townships of Linthorpe and Middlesbrough proposed to be included as above mentioned, are situate principally to the westward of the extended municipal boundary, and embrace about one mile in length extending over ground, a considerable portion of which is low and marshy in its character, purely agricultural, and wholly unoccupied by houses, except a single farm-house, and not likely to be occupied either by houses or works, or otherwise, than as at present for a considerable number of years to come.

That the present municipal borough of Middlesbrough comprises a population of about 32,000, and is rapidly increasing.

That the proposed boundary of the Parliamentary borough, so far as it extends to portions of the townships of Linthorpe and Middlesbrough, is purely arbitrary, and one for which no actual reason has been assigned. And your petitioners believe that the only reason for the inclusion of part of Linthorpe is, that thereby the borough of Middlesbrough as extended to the westward may for some distance abut upon the proposed extended boundary of the Parliamentary borough of Stockton.

That certain portions of the township of Middlesbrough which it is proposed to include within the Parliamentary borough are detached, and in the event of their being included, the boundary will not be continuous.

That your petitioners would most strongly oppose any extension of the municipal boundary into such parts of the townships of Linthorpe and Middlesbrough as are now proposed to be included in the Parliamentary borough, and their inclusion in the Parliamentary borough would occasion great inconvenience without any corresponding advantage whatever.

That your petitioners respectfully submit that the Parliamentary borough of Middlesbrough should be co-extensive with the principal borough, but if any extension beyond the municipal limits be sanctioned, your petitioners submit that it should be strictly confined to the northern part of the parish of Ormesby, which comprises North Ormesby, as proposed by the notice of amendment given by Mr. Joseph Whitwell Pease, M.P.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly and earnestly pray that no part of the townships of Linthorpe or Middlesbrough outside the municipal boundary may be included within the Parliamentary borough of Middlesbrough.

And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

18 Signatures.



## 3.—MEMORIALS.

MEMORIAL handed in by Mr. *Clifford*, Assistant Commissioner.

“The Representation of the People Act, 1867.”

To the Honourable the Boundary Commissioners for England and Wales, and to Lieutenant Colonel T. W. Milward, R. A., and Frederick Clifford, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, two of the Assistant Commissioners appointed under the “Representation of the People Act, 1867,” for the purpose of inquiring into the boundaries of the borough of Middlesbrough as constituted by the Act.

The Memorial of the undersigned owners and occupiers of property situate in such parts of the Townships of Linthorpe and Middlesbrough, as are situate without the limits of the Municipal Borough of Middlesbrough,

Showeth,

THAT by the “Middlesbrough Extension and Improvement Act, 1866,” the boundaries of the municipal borough of Middlesbrough were enlarged and extended, so as to comprise such portion of the townships of Linthorpe and Middlesbrough as had already become, or were likely to become, portions of the town of Middlesbrough.

That the remainder of the townships of Linthorpe and Middlesbrough, in which your memorialists are interested, is situate within the North Riding of the county of York, and is entirely rural in its character, and has few, if any, interests with those of the town of Middlesbrough.

That your memorialists observe with regret that it is proposed to include within the Parliamentary borough of Middlesbrough the township of Linthorpe, and so much of the township of Middlesbrough as lies to the north of the road leading from Eston towards Yarm.

That a considerable number of your memorialists will, if such inclusion is persisted in, be deprived of their interest as electors for the North Riding of Yorkshire, within which district they are at present locally situate, and with which generally their interests are identical.

That your memorialists are most strongly of opinion that the proposed Parliamentary borough of Middlesbrough should be co-extensive with the municipal boundaries of such borough as settled by the legislation of 1866, after full inquiry and investigation.

Your memorialists, therefore, most earnestly pray that so much of the townships of Linthorpe and Middlesbrough as are situate without the municipal borough of Middlesbrough may be excluded from the proposed Parliamentary borough of Middlesbrough, and that the limits of such borough shall be made co-extensive with the limits of the municipal borough.

And your memorialists will ever pray, &c.

16 Signatures.

MEMORIALS put in by Colonel *Duncombe*, M.P.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled :

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of Eston Junction, in the North Riding of the County of York.

Respectfully sheweth,

THAT by the “Representation of the People Act,” and the Report of the Boundary Commissioners appointed thereunder, the suburb of the town of Middlesbrough, in which your memorialists reside, and which contains a population of 5,000, was incorporated with the borough of that name for the purpose of Parliamentary representation.

That your petitioners are informed that an attempt is being made to exclude Eston Junction from the limits of the Parliamentary borough of Middlesbrough.

That the trade and pursuits of your petitioners are identical with those of the town proper of Middlesbrough, and their habitations are almost connected with that town by the large iron manufactories which extend along the southern margin of the river Tees.

That your petitioners are in the habit of resorting to the public market and tradesmen’s shops of Middlesbrough for the purchase of all their supplies.

That your petitioners and the remainder of the inhabitants of Eston Junction are a purely urban population, and if the attempt now being made to exclude them from participation in the election of a representative to Parliament for Middlesbrough be successful, a large number of them will be deprived of all voice in the election of a Member of Parliament, and one of the great objects of the “Representation of the People Act” of last session of Parliament will, in their case, be defeated.



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That your petitioners, therefore, feeling that for the above reasons Eston Junction should be included in the Parliamentary borough of Middlesbrough,

Humbly pray that the Report of the said Boundary Commissioners, as presented to your Honourable House, may be approved and adopted, so far, at all events, as the inclusion of Eston Junction in the said Parliamentary borough is concerned.

And your memorialists will ever pray, &c.

To the Honourable the Commons of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled :  
The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the Townships of Eston and Normanby, in the North Riding of the County of York,

Showeth,

THAT by "The Representation of the People Act," and the Report of the Boundary Commissioners made thereunder, the northern part of the township, commonly called Eston Junction, is proposed to be incorporated with the Parliamentary borough of Middlesbrough, with the trade and manufacture of which the inhabitants of Eston Junction aforesaid, and your petitioners, are closely identified.

That your petitioners are given to understand that efforts are being made to curtail the limits of the said Parliamentary borough, as recommended by the Commissioners, by the omission of Eston Junction aforesaid, which includes the villages of South Bank and Tees Tilery.

That your petitioners, residing close under the shadow of the Eston Nab, from which a very large portion of the ironstone used in the manufactures of Middlesbrough is extracted, are closely identified in interest with Middlesbrough, whose prosperity depends entirely on the iron extracted from the Cleveland hills, and your petitioners, forming to all intents and purposes an urban and not a rural population, are ready and willing, and anxious, to be included in the Parliamentary borough, and so have the privilege of voting for a Member to serve in Parliament, which very few of your petitioners will otherwise possess, even under the extended county franchise.

That the population of Eston and Normanby, exclusive of Eston Junction, is about 4,000, nearly all of whom are supplied with their principal necessities of life from Middlesbrough, of which place they have been led for a long time to consider themselves almost citizens.

That your petitioners believe they represent the almost unanimous feeling of the inhabitants of Eston and Normanby in the above statements and the prayer of this petition.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray and submit to your Honourable House, that no curtailment of the Parliamentary borough of Middlesbrough, as recommended by the Commissioners, should take place, but that the boundaries of the said borough should be extended by including such parts lying within a line commencing at the point where the said boundary line, as already recommended by the Commissioners, crosses the Cleveland railway, and extending from that point southward along the said railway to where the said railway crosses Platt's-lane, close to Woodcock Wood; thence in a straight line in a north-easterly direction to the eastern boundary of the township of Eston, at a point where the Middlesbrough and Redcar turnpike-road crosses the said boundary; thence northward by the parish boundary to the river Tees.

And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

#### 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

PAPER put in by Mr. Pease, M.P.

#### NEW BOROUGH OF MIDDLESBROUGH.

REASONS against the Report of the Boundary Commissioners, and in favour of making the Municipal and Parliamentary Boroughs conterminous.

By a local Act passed so lately as 1866 (the year preceding the Reform Act) the area of the municipal borough was increased from 750 to 1,900 acres. The population of the present municipal borough is estimated at 32,000.

The district included by Boundary Commissioners extends nearly one mile to the westward over ground much of which is low and marshy in its character, wholly unoccupied by houses, purely agricultural, and not likely to be occupied either by works or workmen for many years to come, if ever, and by this means the eastern boundary of the new borough of Stockton, and the western boundary of the new borough of Middlesbrough, are brought together; the owner and occupiers of the intermediate estates objecting to its being thus withdrawn from the county.

To

To the eastward the borough of Middlesbrough is made to embrace a district the great bulk of which is agricultural, three miles in extent, six furlongs broad, for the ostensible purpose of introducing the population employed in the iron works built on the banks of the river Tees, but which, with the exception of North Ormesby, with 3,000 population, does not consist of more than probably other 3,000 people, as the iron works employing this population are supplied with iron ore by mines now worked to their greatest possible extent, and which, in the course of a few years, will probably decrease in the quantity they produce; the population in that direction is not likely to increase, nor are new works likely to be established.

When these works were first erected in or about 1855 it took about 35 cwt. of coke, 10 cwt. of coals, and 15 cwt. of limestone, and  $3\frac{1}{4}$  tons of ore, to make a ton of pig iron.

As improvements in the manufacture of iron have progressed, it now takes 23 cwt. of coke, hardly any coals, 13 cwt. of limestone to the  $3\frac{1}{4}$  tons of ore, to make one ton of iron. It is, therefore, evident that in future economy points out that the nearer the furnaces are placed to the iron mines the cheaper the cost of the iron. And as the supply of ore to the district included by the Boundary Commissioners from the adjacent hills is already more than forestalled, it is submitted that any increase in the population in the direction in question is improbable.

One of the allegations for thus exceeding the municipal boundary is, that a bed of rock salt has recently been discovered close to the town, in fact in the middle of the municipal boundary, and that chemical works may be anticipated in connection with it.

The bed of salt in question was discovered in 1863 at a depth of 1,200 feet. No shaft has yet been commenced to reach this deposit, and if such works were commenced immediately, it is obvious that many years must elapse before the salt could be reached or works commenced to manufacture it, so as to induce a population sufficient to warrant any increase of the borough boundary. Thus, the municipal borough of Middlesbrough already containing 32,000 people, with ample room for great extension of building, now one and a half miles from east to west, is made into a Parliamentary borough embracing a large amount of purely agricultural country five miles and four furlongs from point to point, on speculations and guesses as to the future, for which little reason can be assigned.

It is submitted that if any extension beyond the municipal borough is allowed, it ought to be confined to the district comprised in the notice given by Mr. Pease, namely, the simple addition of the portion of the township of North Ormesby, containing about 3,000 inhabitants, which lies to the north of the line drawn from the south-east corner of the municipal borough of Middlesbrough to the High Forest Farm House, in the parish of Normanby, in the township of Eston.

The boundary set forth in the Schedule of the "Representation of the People Act, 1867," not being continuous nor embracing the whole of the municipal borough, is one which cannot be for a moment entertained.

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LETTER from Mr. Pease, M. P., addressed to the Chairman of the Committee.

18 Princes Gardens, W.

26 May 1868.

Sir,

I HAVE received this morning the statistics for which you inquired yesterday when I had the honour of an interview with the Committee on the borough of Middlesbrough, in support of what I alleged that the mines to the east of the district, which I proposed to exclude from the Middlesbro' borough boundary, could no longer supply the iron works there to the full extent, and consequently no further furnaces are likely to be built in that neighbourhood, nor is the population likely to increase.

I find from the railway company the following facts—

In 1863 1,754 tons were sent to works within the district named.

|                   | <i>Tons.</i> |
|-------------------|--------------|
| In 1864 - - - - - | 9,994        |
| „ 1865 - - - - -  | 3,373        |
| „ 1866 - - - - -  | 69,977       |
| „ 1867 - - - - -  | 137,345      |

I have from a very trustworthy correspondent the estimate of the population in the district proposed to be excluded; it does not amount to more than 1,200, or at the outside 1,500 people: this is under my estimate of it yesterday, which, as I told the Committee, was an outside guess.

With regard to Cockerton, I find that instead of 295 houses, as stated by the assistant Commissioners, there are 315; of these it is probable that one-fourth would not be upon the register, if in the borough, from want of residence, female householders, &c.; that 73 would have votes if left in the county as occupiers, and a great many more would have votes as freeholders for the county; my correspondent says, "as an enfranchising measure, that addition of Cockerton would not accomplish much."



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As to Darlington, as I stated yesterday, the assistant overseer informs me that at the north end of the town, near the iron works, there are 181 empty houses, and that he thinks there are 20 or 30 in other parts of the town; this more than confirms my evidence of yesterday. Trusting that in furnishing this further information I have in no way gone beyond my legitimate bounds,

Right Hon. Spencer H. Walpole, M.P.

I have, &c.  
(signed) *Joseph W. Pease.*

PAPER put in by Mr. *Clifford*, Assistant Commissioner.

Dear Sir,

I BEG to inform you that at a public meeting of the inhabitants of Middlesbrough, duly convened by me as mayor, held last evening, the following resolution was passed, which I was requested to forward to you for presentation to the Select Committee:—

Town Clerk's Office, Corporation Hall,  
Middlesbrough, 23 May 1868.

(Copy Resolution.)

"That this meeting does not see any reason to interfere further with the Parliamentary boundary of the borough of Middlesbrough already recommended by the Commissioners, other than to include the inhabitants of Eston and Normanby if they so desire it."

F. Clifford, Esq.,  
4, Elm Court, Temple, London. E. C.

Yours, &c.  
(signed) *W. R. Innes Hopkins,*  
Mayor.

EXTRACT from the "Newcastle Daily Chronicle," Saturday, 23rd May 1868.

*The Parliamentary Boundaries of Middlesbrough.*

Last night a public meeting, convened by the Mayor, was held in the Town Hall Middlesbrough, to consider the Parliamentary boundaries of the borough. There was a large attendance, and the Mayor (Mr. W. R. I. Hopkins) occupied the chair, and briefly introduced the proceedings.

Mr. Alderman *Fallows* moved—

"That it is desirable that the report of the Boundary Commissioners, so far as the Parliamentary borough of Middlesbrough is concerned, should be amended, and that the following should be the limits of the said borough, viz., the municipal borough and such part of the township of Ormesby as lies to the north of a straight line to be drawn from the south-east angle of the municipal borough at Ormesby Beck to High Forest Farm House to the eastern boundary of the municipal borough."

Mr. *James Taylor*, in recording the resolution, thought that Middlesbrough was big enough and strong enough to go alone.

Mr. *Elgie* asked what boundary line the Commissioners had recommended, but Mr. *Taylor* would not answer the question.

The Mayor then explained the line.

Mr. Councillor *Buckney* moved the following amendment:—

"That this meeting does not see any reason to interfere further with the Parliamentary boundary for the borough of Middlesbrough already recommended by the Commissioners, other than to include the inhabitants of Eston and Normanby, if they so desire it."

—(Applause.) The resolution proposed, he said, was in opposition to the Reform Act itself, which was a Liberal measure passed with a view to confer rights and privileges upon the population. They should, therefore, take in as wide an area as they possible could for Middlesbrough. (Applause.)

Mr. *Blakeston* seconded the amendment.

Dr. *Green*,



of *D. Green*, as a representative of the people of Normanby, explained that the inhabitants of Eston had held a meeting the previous night, and they were desirous of being included in the Parliamentary borough.

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— —

The Rev. Mr. *Bontems* supported the resolution.

Mr. Councillor *Taylor* also supported the resolution.

Mr. *Williams*, of Bolckow and Vaughan's, advocated the inclusion of Eston, and wondered why it had been proposed to include North Ormesby and North Eston. Eston was the backbone of Middlesbrough, for the ironstone came from the Cleveland Hills. (Cheers.)

Mr. *H. W. F. Bolckow*, said that although he had signed the requisition for that meeting, he did not belong to the promoters of it. When the Boundary Commissioners visited Middlesbrough, he stated that he thought Eston too far away to be included; but when he was told that they looked forward for a number of years, he had no objection to the inclusion of Eston. He did not think that the inclusion of Eston would prevent the return of a Liberal member for the North Riding, and he should not like to do anything which might weaken the Liberal interest in the county; but he had no fear of that. (Applause.) As he was interested in Eston, he would not vote at all on the subject. (Applause.)

Mr. Alderman *Watson* and Mr. *Jennings* supported the amendment.

The *Mayor* then put the amendment, which was carried by a large majority amidst loud cheering.

A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

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NEWPORT (ISLE OF WIGHT).

1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

PART I.

Newport  
(Isle of Wight).

THE municipal and Parliamentary boroughs of Newport are identical, and, with the exception of a portion at Cowes, to be hereafter\* noticed, no local Act is in force within the borough which affects any part outside the Parliamentary limits. They include the parish of Newport, and parts of the parishes of Carisbrook, St. Nicholas, Northwood, and Whippingham.

The town of Newport has increased considerably since 1832; in the directions of Carisbrook and Shide there are continuous rows of houses up to the boundary, and beyond it are detached villas extending† nearly the whole way to the village of Carisbrook in the one case, and to Shide-cross in the other; on the east there is a very large extension towards, and including, Cross-lanes and Barton, and on the north a number of new houses have been built towards Parkhurst Barracks.

The old borough.

Increase of town since 1832.  
Directions of—  
1. Towards Carisbrook.  
2. Towards Shide.  
3. East of Medina.  
4. Towards Parkhurst.  
Proposal of the Town Council.

A proposal was laid before us by the town council that a sufficient extension should be made, on the south-west and south, to take in the whole of the *village* of Carisbrook, with Miller's-lane and Clatterford, and all the houses up to Shide-cross.

The including of Carisbrook village, Miller's-lane, and Clatterford was very strongly opposed by its inhabitants, none of whom, that we are aware of, wish to be taken into the borough. Carisbrook is an ancient village, originally depending on the castle. Its inhabitants are partly agricultural, and partly dependent on visitors to the castle; a few are labourers and mechanics who work in Newport, and there is a considerable proportion of persons of independent means who have come to settle there on account of the general attractions of the neighbourhood and of the island, and who are not in any way connected with the town of Newport. We do not consider that the village of Carisbrook, containing, with Miller's-lane and Clatterford, 142 houses and a population of 700, can fairly be considered an extension of Newport; but we shall herewith submit a line which will take in all the real extension of the town in that direction, and stop short of Carisbrook. The following Tables will show more precisely the nature of the occupation of the inhabitants of, and the value of the houses in, Carisbrook village, Miller's-lane, and Clatterford; viz.:—

Carisbrook Village.

Description.

Number of houses.  
Population.

TABLE I.

Table showing occupation.

|                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Voids               | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5   |
| Females             | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 27  |
| Independents        | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 13  |
| Labourers, various  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 40  |
| Farm labourers      | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 12  |
| Small tradesmen     | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 17  |
| Farmers and millers | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3   |
| Journeymen          | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 24  |
| Schoolmaster        | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1   |
| TOTAL               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 142 |

Of these, 11 work in Newport.

\* See page 184.  
† To Saunders-corner, near Carisbrook House, where village of Carisbrook commences.



Newport  
(Isle of Wight).

Tables showing  
value.

TABLE II. a.

|                                                              | Number of Houses. | Gross Ratings.<br>Average Value. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Houses of 12 <i>l.</i> and upwards, gross rateable value - - | 35                | £. s. d.<br>30 7 -½              |
| Houses under 12 <i>l.</i> gross rateable value - - - -       | 107               | 6 10 2                           |
| TOTAL - - -                                                  | 142               | 12 6 -                           |

TABLE II. B.

|                                                                                                                    | Number of Houses. | Gross Ratings.<br>Average Value. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Houses of 15 <i>l.</i> and upwards gross rateable value - -<br>(Assumed equal to 12 <i>l.</i> net rateable value). | 28                | £. s. d.<br>41 13 4              |
| Houses under 15 <i>l.</i> gross rateable value - - - -                                                             | 114               | 6 18 7                           |
| TOTAL - - -                                                                                                        | 142               | 12 6 -                           |

2. Shide Extension.  
Description.

3. East of Medina.  
Suggested line (if  
any) of Town  
Council.

Cross Lanes and  
Barton Village.  
Description.

4. Parkhurst  
Extension.

Description.

The houses built towards Shide are chiefly inhabited by labourers and artizans who work in Newport, together with some villa residences occupied by persons nearly all connected with the town. The line proposed by the Town Council in this direction appears to be a very fit and proper one.

The Town Council did not desire any extension to the east of the Medina, but suggested that if any addition were made in that direction, a line should be drawn which would include 60 of the houses nearest to the boundary, and separated only from Newport by the river. Immediately beyond these, however, there are a number of detached rows and groups of new houses, the furthest of which are designated as Cross-lanes and Barton village. They are inhabited by a very poor class, and it is on this account chiefly that they are not considered a desirable addition to the borough. The lace factory, now closed, used to employ nearly 1,000 hands, many of whom lived in these houses; and it is to their present want of employment that a great deal of their poverty is attributable. A considerable number of them work in Newport, and are dependent on it, and the employment of a great many others is fluctuating and precarious; but, on the whole, we do not think they can fairly be considered otherwise than as forming part of the town population.

The houses alluded to on the north of Newport, are on the Cowes-road, and extend towards the Parkhurst Barracks. This extension has been caused partly by troops having of late years been regularly quartered in these barracks, and the houses in their immediate vicinity are occupied by soldiers' families, and persons supplying the wants of the military. The part adjoining Newport, however (called Hunny Hill), is occupied almost entirely by labourers and artizans who work in that town; and we propose a line to include them, and drawn about halfway between Newport and Parkhurst. Nearly the whole of these extensions were proposed to be included by the Municipal Boundary Commission, in 1835.

Our proposed boundary will add a number of houses and estimated population, as follows:

Number of houses  
and population in  
each of the four  
extensions.

|                                                         | Houses. | Population. |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| 1st. Carisbrook extension - - - - -                     | 28 *    | 140         |
| 2nd. Shide-cross extension - - - - -                    | 84      | 400         |
| 3rd. Barton Village and Cross-lanes extension - - - - - | 226     | 900         |
| 4th. Hunny Hill extension - - - - -                     | 43      | 200         |
| TOTAL - - -                                             | 381     | 1,640       |

The

\* These 28 form no part of the 142 houses in Carisbrook, Clatterford, and Miller's-lane referred to,

The nature of the occupation and the character of the houses may be gathered from the following Table :—

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## TABLES (A.).

Occupation and  
character.

Tables A, showing  
occupations.

## I.—CARISBROOK EXTENSION.

|                      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Independent          | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5  |
| Labourers -          | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5  |
| Tradesmen -          | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4  |
| Journeyman           | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6  |
| <hr/>                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Total Male Occupiers | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 20 |
| Women                | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6  |
| Voids                | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2  |
| <hr/>                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| TOTAL                | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 28 |

Of the 20 male occupiers, , or per cent., are employed in Newport.

## II.—SHIDE CROSS EXTENSION.

|                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Independent              | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7  |
| Labourers -              | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9  |
| Tradesmen -              | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7  |
| Journeyman               | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 30 |
| Clerks, Accountants, &c. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7  |
| <hr/>                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Total Male Occupiers     | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 60 |
| Women -                  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 22 |
| Voids                    | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2  |
| <hr/>                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| TOTAL                    | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 84 |

Of the 60 male occupiers, 36, or 64·8 per cent., are employed in Newport.

## III.—EXTENSION EASTWARD OF THE MEDINA.

That is to say :—

- Coppinsbridge, &c.*, within yellow line, suggested by Corporation, 60 houses.
- Barton's Village, Royal Exchange, and Cross Lanes*, 149 houses.
- Broadlands, &c.*, 17 houses.

## III. a.—COPPINSBRIDGE, &amp;c.

|                                                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Independent                                            | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1  |
| Labourers* and Mechanics at cement works, brewery, &c. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 15 |
| Tradesmen -                                            | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 12 |
| Various                                                | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 11 |
| <hr/>                                                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| Total Male Occupiers                                   | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 39 |
| Female -                                               | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 12 |
| Voids                                                  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9  |
| <hr/>                                                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
| TOTAL                                                  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 60 |

Of the 39 male occupiers, 12, or 30 per cent., are employed in Newport.

\* None agricultural.]

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(Isle of Wight).

### III. b.—BARTON'S VILLAGE, CROSS LANES, &c.

|                                                                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Labourers* and Mechanics at cement works, brewery, foundry, &c. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 69  |
| Tradesmen                                                       | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 19  |
| Various *                                                       | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10  |
| Farm Labourers                                                  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 13  |
| Total Male Occupiers                                            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 111 |
| Female                                                          | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 18  |
| Voids                                                           | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 19  |
| TOTAL                                                           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 148 |

Of the 111 male occupiers, 43, or 38·7 per cent., are employed in Newport. Others are out of work, and so not entered as employed anywhere.

### III. c.—BROADLANDS, &c

|                               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Independents                  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3  |
| Labourers (cement mills, &c.) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4  |
| Tradesmen and various         | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4  |
| Total Male Occupiers          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 11 |
| Female                        | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5  |
| Void                          | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1  |
| TOTAL                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 17 |

Of the 11 male occupiers, 5, or nearly 50 per cent., are employed in Newport.

### IV.—HUNNY HILL.

|                                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Independent                      | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3  |
| Labourers (at cement works, &c.) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 13 |
| Tradesmen                        | - | - | - | 6 | } | - | - | - | - | 18 |
| Dairymen                         | - | - | - | 6 |   | - | - | - | - |    |
| Journeymen                       | - | - | - | 3 |   | - | - | - | - |    |
| Publicans                        | - | - | - | 3 |   | - | - | - | - |    |
| Vicar of Newport                 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1  |
| Unaccounted for                  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2  |
| Total Male Occupiers             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 37 |
| Women                            | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5  |
| Void                             | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1  |
| TOTAL                            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 43 |

Of the 37 male occupiers, about 12, or 33 per cent., are employed in Newport, chiefly in cement works.

\* None agricultural.



TABLE B.—Showing Value of Houses in proposed Extension East of River Medina.

|                                                                                                                                         | Number of Houses. |                                                                                                             | General Average. | General Average of Whole. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| III. a. - Coppin's Bridge; Houses proposed to be included (by yellow line) by Corporation if any extension made in that direction - - - | 59                | { 5 £.12 and upwards average rental - £.19 10 -<br>42 under £.12 average rental - - 6 16 6<br>12 not known. | { 8 3 5          | { £. s. d.<br>£. s. d.    |
| III. b. - Barton Village and Cross Lane, &c. - - -                                                                                      | 148               | { 138 all under £.12 average rental - - 3 16 6<br>10 not known.                                             | { 3 16 6         | { 6 12 3                  |
| III. c. - Broadlands, &c. - - -                                                                                                         | 16                | { 12 £.12 and upwards average rental - 33 12 6<br>4 under £.12 average rental - - 5 3 4                     | { 28 - -         | {                         |
| TOTAL - - -                                                                                                                             | 223               | { 201 of which are known—average rental - - -<br>22 unknown.                                                | { - - -          | { 6 12 3                  |
| Fairlie Villa (or Cottage) outside our line.                                                                                            | 1                 |                                                                                                             |                  |                           |
|                                                                                                                                         | 224               |                                                                                                             |                  |                           |
| Unaccounted for in Return - -                                                                                                           | 2                 |                                                                                                             |                  |                           |
|                                                                                                                                         | 226               |                                                                                                             |                  |                           |

## PART II.

The foregoing statement deals with what may be considered as the town of Newport proper; but the ancient borough, which forms part of the present one, claims to include "the haven or river called Newport Haven," comprising so much of the River Medina as lies north of the town, Cowes Harbour, and the roadstead of Cowes as far as the Bramble Shoal, distant seven miles from the extreme limits of Newport town.

Boundary of the ancient borough, northward.  
Includes harbour.

The boundary of this part of the borough is not defined, but it is said to comprise all the land on the banks of the river which has at any time been covered at high water by ordinary spring tides. This uncertain definition has, since 1832, given rise to very great and continuing difficulty before the revising barrister, on account of the number of houses and premises built at Cowes upon land reclaimed at the mouth of the river, in respect of which a vote was claimed for the borough of Newport. Claims in respect of new houses, and fresh claims for old houses, on the ground of some new evidence having come to light, are frequently made and admitted.

Claims to include all land ever covered by ordinary spring tides.  
Difficulty since 1832.

Before 1832 Newport was a close borough, the members of Parliament being returned by the corporation, and the town council being a self-elective body. Until that time there appeared, therefore, no occasion for an accurate definition of the boundary; but since then the number of claims of persons (chiefly inhabitants of Cowes) to be registered, on the ground of their houses, or portions of them, having been built on land which had once been reclaimed from the water, admitted, were as follows:—

Before 1832.  
Number of Cowes claims since 1832.

|             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                    |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------------------|
| In 1832     | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8 claims admitted. |
| 1833        | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 34 "               |
| 1837        | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 66 "               |
| and in 1866 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 71 "               |

It is needless to add that the difficulty will be seriously increased under the operation of the new Act.

There are returned, as belonging to the borough of Newport, within the parish of Northwood, 199 inhabited houses, of which 198 are in West Cowes. The remaining one is on the bank of the river, about two miles north of Newport. The assistant overseer, however, informed us that in making his return to the Poor Law Board, he added a note to say that "it was perfectly impossible to vouch for the accuracy of the return."

Number of houses in West Cowes within the borough of Newport.

An imaginary line has been drawn, showing where the supposed high-water mark once existed; some occupiers of houses within this line are not admitted to the register, and it is said there are some whose houses are outside it whose names are on the register. In East Cowes, and on the right bank of the Medina, there are 19 inhabited houses within the borough, five of which at present confer votes on the occupiers; these are all situate in the parish of Whippingham.

Imaginary old high-water line.  
East Cowes—Number of houses within borough of Newport.

The right of the borough of Newport to include any part of East or West Cowes was denied by the inhabitants of the latter place; and the assistant overseer for the parish of Northwood has received instructions from the parish authorities to continue to assess the

Protest of inhabitants of West Cowes.

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Evidence heard.  
Conclusion.

owners of the 199 houses before mentioned, as though the Small Tenements Act were still in force.

After hearing all the evidence that could be produced on behalf of West Cowes, and a portion of the evidence of the corporation in support of their claim, we have come to the conclusion, that the ancient borough does extend to the limits claimed, and therefore includes all the houses in West Cowes built on land reclaimed from the river, the number of which is very considerable.

Cowes and Newport have no similarity or identity of interests; Newport is the market town, whilst Cowes is the harbour of the Isle of Wight. Such parts of the borough of Newport as are situate in East or West Cowes are comprised in the Local Board of Health districts of East and West Cowes respectively, under the "Local Government Act, 1858." The said Act was, in February 1867, adopted in the borough of Newport, except as to such parts of the same as were then under the operation of the Act. It cannot, then, be considered in any way expedient to extend the borough of Newport in this direction; but seeing that we are precluded from considering any question as to its curtailment, we can only report that a proposition of the town council of Newport for a better definition of the boundary, by drawing a line along the nearest street, is a reasonable one. This proposed line would include 231 houses in the parish of Northwood, and would therefore appear to include within the borough 32 houses not at present considered to lie within it. The boundary line in East Cowes is considered sufficiently well defined, and we therefore do not recommend any alteration on that side.

Number of houses  
which would be  
added to the  
borough.

Proposed new  
boundary.

The following is a description of the proposed new boundary :—

FROM the point (A) at which the Fairy (or Fairlee) Hole Stream joins the present boundary at the River Medina, along the said stream for 100 yards beyond the point where it meets Cross-lane (B); thence in a straight line to the point (C) where the occupation-road, leading past the eastern end of a field called Long Mead, meets the Old Hyde (or Staplers) Road; thence in a straight line to the point (D) where the occupation-road, leading to Little Ridges (Mr. Dash's house), meets the Barton Village-road; thence down the said road to the point (E) where it meets the footpath leading from Barton Village to Staplers; thence down the said path, and continuing the same in a straight line to the end of Elm-road (F); thence in a straight line to the Pan Turnpike (G); thence to the nearest point of the River Medina (excluding the mill), and down the river till it meets the present boundary (H); along the present boundary to its south-eastern angle (I); thence in a straight line to Shide Cross (J); thence along White-pit-lane to the point (K), where the Castle and Gatcombe-roads diverge; thence down the cross-road leading to the Carisbrook-road till it meets the said road (L); thence along the southern stream from the mill-dam to the point (M) where it meets the Lukely-brook; thence along the said brook till it meets the present boundary (N), along the northernmost branch of the brook till it meets Petticoat-lane (O); thence in a straight line to the junction of Tinpit-lane with Shrewsbury-road (X); thence in a straight line to the point (P) on the road between Mr. Walter Brown's farm and the Castle and Banner Inn; thence passing to the north of the said inn to the Hunny Hill-road (Q); thence in a straight line towards the point first described till it meets the present boundary (R).

The proposed boundary at Cowes will be as follows :—

From the point (A) where the present boundary crosses the Watch-house Quay, up the side street (or slipway) to the junction of the High-street with the Bath-road (B); thence down High-street and Birmingham-road to Medina-place (C); thence along Medina-place, and continued in a straight line to Mary-street (D); thence down Mary-street to its junction with Brunswick-place (E); thence down Brunswick-place to the point (F), where it meets the present boundary.

Thos. Biddulph, Lieut.-Col., R. A.  
J. Horne Payne.

## 2.— PETITIONS.

### PETITION of the Inhabitants of *East and West Cowes*, in the *Isle of Wight*.

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of East and West Cowes, in the Isle of Wight, in the County of Southampton,

Showeth,

That your Petitioners pray that the towns of East and West Cowes may not be included within the Parliamentary boundary of the borough of Newport.

That the town of Newport is five miles distant from East and West Cowes, and has no interest in common with them, Newport being the centre of an agricultural district, while Cowes is the port of the island, and dependent for its trade on yachts and shipping.

That although the passing of the Municipal Boundaries Act, 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 64, some few of the inhabitants of East and West Cowes have voted as electors of the borough of



of Newport, your Petitioners believe that by the wording of that Act, no part of East or West Cowes was brought within the borough of Newport. In confirmation of this allegation, your Petitioners refer to the Report of the Boundary Commissioners of 1832, in which it is stated as follows: "The borough of Newport, in the Isle of Wight, includes the parish of Newport, and that part of the parish of St. Nicholas called Castlehold; its boundaries are accurately known and defined; the lines of separation between it and the parish of Carisbrooke are carefully marked by boundary stones; and the remembrance of its limits preserved by perambulations."

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The town of East Cowes is wholly in the parish of Whippingham, and West Cowes is wholly in the parish of Northwood, but it will be observed that in the Commissioners' Report there is no part of the borough of Newport stated to be in either of those parishes, and in the tabular statement annexed to the Commissioners' Report, showing the situation of the houses and residences of the inhabitants in the then borough, or proposed borough, not one house or inhabitant is stated to be in the parishes of Whippingham or Northwood.

That although the boundary of the borough as described by the Commissioners was adopted in the Municipal Boundaries Act, when the Act came to be printed, the word "eastward" in the Commissioners' Report was, as your Petitioners believe, printed by mistake in the Act as "northward."

That this evident error was taken advantage of by the Corporation of Newport for political purposes, on the first revision of votes after the passing of the Municipal Boundaries Act of 1832; and they then made it appear that the borough of Newport extended some 14 or 15 miles beyond what the Commissioners had reported to be the boundary, and thereby included a very limited number of electors living at East and West Cowes, who were favourable to the then political feelings of the Corporation of Newport, although the whole extent of the borough, as defined by the Boundary Commissioners, was not more than two or three miles.

That your Petitioners believe that, although these persons have been permitted to vote for the borough, that the qualifications for which they claim to vote are neither within the municipal or Parliamentary boundary of the borough of Newport.

That your Petitioners earnestly pray that in the Boundary Act now about to be passed, the description of the boundary of the borough, laid down in the Commissioners' Report of 1832, may be adopted, so that no part of East or West Cowes may be included within the borough of Newport.

615 Signatures.

### 3.—MEMORIAL.

MEMORIAL handed in by Mr. *C. Wykeham Martin, M. P.*

To the Select Committee of the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled, appointed to consider the Boundaries of certain Boroughs, as laid down by the Boundary Commissioners (including the Borough of Newport, in the Isle of Wight, in the County of Southampton), and to report what, if any, alterations should be made therein:

The humble Memorial of the Mayor, Alderman, and Burgesses of the Borough of Newport, in the Isle of Wight, in the County of Southampton,

Showeth,

That your Memorialists desire to express no opinion on the question of what should be the future boundaries of this borough at East and West Cowes for the purposes relating to the election of a Member or Members to serve in Parliament, but having read the Petition presented to your Honourable House by certain inhabitants of East and West Cowes, your Memorialists desire to express their dissent from some of the statements contained therein, and in particular your Memorialists say they believe the statement contained therein, that "when the Municipal Boundaries Act came to be printed, the word 'eastward' in the Commissioners' Report was printed by mistake in the Act as 'northward,'" to be altogether erroneous and unfounded.

And your Memorialists further say, that, to the best of their belief, all the qualifications claimed by the persons who have been permitted to vote for the said borough of Newport in respect of such claims, are within both the municipal and Parliamentary boundaries of the said borough.



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And your Memorialists further say, that they are advised and believe that the whole of the River Medina, with its creeks and foreshores, the whole of Cowes Harbour, to a considerable extent seaward, with its foreshores, and considerable portions of the towns of East and West Cowes, are within the municipal boundaries of the said borough, and they claim the same accordingly. They also claim and are in the enjoyment of certain anchorage and groundage dues in respect of vessels anchoring and grounding in the said harbour. They also claim to be the owners of the bed and soil of the River Medina and Cowes Harbour, and to be the owners of the oyster fishery of the River Medina, extending into Cowes Harbour. They also claim to be the conservators of Cowes Harbour and the River Medina, and as such to exercise certain rights in such harbour and river.

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray that in any alteration of the present boundaries of the said borough for the purposes relating to the election of a Member or Members to serve in Parliament, none of the estates, interests, rights, titles, or powers of your Memorialists, whether above referred to or not, in, to, or over any corporeal or incorporeal hereditaments or other property within the said borough as it now exists, or exerciseable or enjoyable by them in connection with or in respect of such borough, may be in any way prejudiced, weakened, or affected.

Given under the common corporate seal of the borough of Newport aforesaid by order of the Council.

Guildhall, Newport, Isle of Wight,  
20 May 1868.

*W. B. Inson,* (L. S.)  
Chairman of the Council Meeting,  
The Mayor being absent from the Isle of Wight.

Affixed in the presence of  
*James Eldridge,* Town Clerk.

#### 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

PAPER handed in by *Sir J. Simeon, M.P.*

To Lieutenant Colonel *Biddulph, R.A.,* and *J. H. Payne, Esq.,* Assistant Boundary Commissioners.

THE statement of the Local Board of Health for the town of West Cowes, and Commissioners for improving the said town, and other inhabitants of the said town,

Showeth,

That we believe that no part of the town of West Cowes is in the municipal or Parliamentary borough of Newport.

That no attempt whatever was made by the authorities of Newport to set up a claim to part of Cowes, as being in the municipal or Parliamentary borough of Newport, until after the year 1832, when payment of a borough rate, for the first time, was demanded of a few of the inhabitants living by the side of the river Medina, very much to their surprise, and they were afterwards summoned before the magistrates at Newport for payment, but payment was refused by the parties summoned, on the ground that the premises were not in the borough, and thereupon the magistrates declined to enforce the rates, and dismissed the summons.

Since this time, although the Corporation of Newport allege that Cowes is part of the municipal borough of Newport, they have never attempted to rate any one of the inhabitants, although if they are in the borough, as the corporation contend, there is no reason why they should not.

This claim was never made until after the passing of the 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 64, and it is evident that the corporation have come to the conclusion that the wording of the Schedule O, No. 37, will support their claim to a part of Cowes. On this point we will first call your attention to the Report of the Boundary Commissioners, on which the boundary in the said schedule was framed. They say, "The borough of Newport, in the Isle of Wight, includes the parish of Newport, and that part of the parish of St. Nicholas, called the 'Castle Hold,' its boundaries are accurately known and defined; the lines of separation between it and the parish of Carisbrooke are carefully marked by boundary stones, and the remembrance of its limits preserved by perambulations."

Now, West Cowes is in the parish of Northwood, and East Cowes in the parish of Whippingham, but it will be observed that in the Commissioners' Report there is no part of the borough stated to be in these parishes.

Again,

Again, a Table is at the foot of the Report, as under:—

TABLE exhibiting, separately, the Condition of the present Borough and Town, and Borough within the proposed Boundary :

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| B O R O U G H .                                            | Population. | Total<br>Number of Houses. |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Parish of Newport, and part of the parish of St. Nicholas. | 4,398       | 790                        |
| Castle Hold Town, beyond part of parish of Carisbrooke.    | 1,820       | 331                        |
| Newport new village - - - - -                              | 482         | 89                         |
| Within proposed Boundary - - -                             | 6,700       | 1,210                      |

It will be observed, that not one single house or inhabitant in the parishes of Northwood or Whippingham, or in the towns of West or East Cowes, were stated to be within the then present borough or the proposed borough.

Your attention is particularly requested to the description of the proposed boundary in the Commissioners' Report; it commences at a point (A.) on the south side of the town, and traces the boundary, from one point to another, not more in any case than about a quarter of a mile distant from each other, until it comes to the words "to the point (I.) at which the Lukely or Carisbrooke stream meets the West Cowes-road; thence eastward, along the boundary of the old borough, to Pan Bridge."

These two points are distant from each other about a quarter of a mile, Pan Bridge lying to the eastward of Point (I.); and if this boundary had been followed in the Act, it could not by any possibility have been contended that the boundary extended to West or East Cowes.

But by some mischance, when the Act was passed, the word "eastward" was changed to "northward," the description in the Schedule of the Act being "thence northward, along the boundary of the old borough to Pan Bridge."

Upon this word "northward" the Corporation of Newport have endeavoured to build up a claim to an extended boundary, and they say that the boundary of their old borough extended to high-water mark along the west shore of the River Medina to West Cowes, and that all houses in West Cowes which have been built where the tide ever flowed, and within the borough, and that the borough boundary extends into the Solent Sea for about four miles, the Red Buoy of the Brambles being the western boundary mark, and the Brambles Shoal the northernmost point of the boundary; that it then turns to the southward, to the White Buoy of the Brambles, on the east, and thence to the eastern shore of the Medina River, to bring in part of East Cowes; and, running along the east shore of the River Medina, to Pan Bridge. The whole distance thus gone over, from the point last named in the boundary, to reach Pan Bridge, as the corporation contend the line of boundary to be, would be about 14 miles, when they might be reached by a quarter of a mile; and it is quite apparent that if they continued northward, as described in the section, they never could reach Pan Bridge at all. But to get over this difficulty, after continuing about seven miles to the northward, they turn round, go some distance to the eastward, and then about seven miles to the southward, and at last reach Pan Bridge, which was about a quarter of a mile distant from them when they started.

We would also call your attention to the extraordinary nature of the boundary marks attempted to be set up,—two buoys in the Solent Sea, and a shoal about four miles from the land.

It is notorious that the buoys have not been on the spots where they now exist so much as 100 years, and of course liable to be moved at any time; and the shoal which they claim as the northern extremity of the borough is a shifting sand-bank, never visible above water at all except in the lowest spring-tides, and then, perhaps, not more than once a year.

In order to strengthen their title to the soil of the shores of the river, the corporation have offered, since 1832, and then for the first time, to grant leases of the foreshores to any person willing to pay them rent; these leases some persons at first took, believing, through the then recent Act, the corporation must have had the right to let conferred on them; other parties rented the land as yearly tenants; many of these tenants finding and believing the corporation had no pretence for assuming to be the owners of the soil, or to let the land, refused to pay the rent, and the corporation have not ventured to resort to legal proceedings to enforce payment.

The corporation allege that they, by virtue of ancient charters, are conservators of the River Medina, and it is evident that they seek to make the boundaries of the borough



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co-extensive with this alleged right of conservancy; but it is submitted that this right could not vest in them the soil of the river, or bring the houses on the banks of the river within the boundary of the borough.

In order to define the alleged boundary of the borough, the corporation have very recently employed a surveyor to trace a line, which has been copied on the Ordnance map.

At the first revision of votes, after the passing of the Act of 1832, some six or seven persons at West Cowes, who were in favour of the views of the corporation, claimed votes for the borough of Newport, and gradually others, until those now on the register amount to about ; but the revising barrister, finding it impossible to get any evidence of the boundary extending to Cowes, refuses to put any more votes on the list.

All persons claiming to vote being residents in Cowes, were regularly, for many years, formally objected to, on the ground of their qualification not being within the borough, in order to preserve the right of disputing the question of boundary, but which has never been tested by legal proceedings.

The town of West Cowes, in the year 1851, adopted the Public Health Act, when the question of boundary was raised, because if any part of the town was in the borough of Newport, part of the corporation of Newport must have formed part of the local board of West Cowes, the mayor being chairman; but on investigation the General Board of Health repudiated the idea of any part of the town being within the borough, and formed the board altogether irrespective of the corporation. It must be borne in mind that West Cowes is five miles distant from Newport, and that there is no connection or community of interest between them: Newport being dependent on the trade of an agricultural neighbourhood; Cowes being the port of the island, and dependent for its trade on yachts and shipping, and the visitors frequenting it as a watering-place; an extension of the boundary of the borough, to include any part of West Cowes, would be most distasteful to the inhabitants of West Cowes and injurious to their interests, and we therefore trust that no such extension will be made; but that the unjustifiable usurpation made subsequently to the passing of the Act of 1832, by which it will be observed that the boundaries of the old borough were not extended, will not be confirmed by your Report.

LETTER addressed to the Chairman by Sir J. Simeon, M.P.

Sir,

72, Eaton-place, S.W., 19 May 1868.

I TRUST that I am not taking an improper course in informing you that the case of the inhabitants of Cowes, who are desirous of not being included within the Parliamentary boundaries of the borough of Newport, is stated in a petition presented by myself to the House, and in a memorial addressed to the Assistant Commissioner, which I take it for granted will be laid before you.

In addition, I beg to state this fact. There are 74 inhabitants of Cowes now in possession of votes for the borough. Of these, 67 will obtain county votes in exchange for the borough votes of which they would be deprived in the event of the boundary being contracted, in accordance with the expressed opinion of the Commissioners, and the remaining seven have all petitioned against Cowes being included in the borough of Newport.

I shall be absent from town until Friday next, but should you desire to communicate with me, my address will be Swainston, Newport, Isle of Wight.

I have, &c.

(signed) John Simeon.

#### BOUNDARY BILL.

#### CASE OF EAST AND WEST COWES.

It is sought to prevent the inclusion of the towns of East and West Cowes within the Parliamentary boundaries of the borough of Newport (Isle of Wight) on the following grounds:—

1. There is no connection between Newport and Cowes (either East or West), and they are separated by an interval of nearly five miles.
2. There is no community of interests between the places, Newport being the centre and mart of an agricultural population, while Cowes is a port and a watering place, dependent upon shipping, yachts, and visitors.
3. The proposed arrangement is most distasteful to the people of Cowes. There is an absolute unanimity of feeling on the subject; a petition, with 615 signatures, being those of almost every male inhabitant, having been presented against the plan, while not a single expression of a contrary feeling has been made.

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4. The proposed change is not asked for by the inhabitants of the borough of Newport.

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5. The Boundary Commissioners virtually report against the inclusion of Cowes within the Parliamentary boundaries of the borough of Newport.

In Section XII. of their Report they speak as follows :

"It is not within our province to recommend any contraction of the area of boroughs existing before the passing of this Act; but in some cases there are anomalies which cannot be rectified in any other way."

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"At Newport, Isle of Wight, the old borough boundaries give rise to still more serious difficulty. The borough of Newport includes the whole of the River Medina, with its creeks and foreshores, for a distance of four miles, to a point in the sea off Cowes. The result has been that both at East and West Cowes, which occupy the right and left banks of the river at its mouth, houses have built on land reclaimed from the river, and are consequently included in the borough, votes having, in upwards of 70 cases, been claimed and allowed in respect of them.

"In this instance we have recommended, that East and West Cowes should be included in the borough, although we are of opinion that the preferable course, had we possessed the power, would have been to have circumscribed the Parliamentary boundaries so as to include only such premises as are immediately connected with the town of Newport."

An attempt is made to give effect to this opinion of the Commissioners, by the Amendment, of which Sir John Simeon has given notice.

"That the towns of East and West Cowes be not included within the Parliamentary boundaries of the borough of Newport."

To this Amendment your support is earnestly requested.

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PAPER put in by Mr. C. Wykeham Martin, M.P.

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NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.

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REPORT on the Borough of *Newport, Isle of Wight*.

The Borough of Newport, Isle of Wight, consists of the parish of *Newport*, and parts of the parishes of *Carisbrooke*, *St. Nicholas*, *Northwood*, and *Whippingham*.

Its Parliamentary limits are described as follows in the Act 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 64, Schedule O. :—

"From the point on the south of the town at which the footpath to Shide joins the Niton-road at Trattles Butt in a straight line to the house in the parish of Carisbrooke, which belongs to Joshua Spickernell, and is now in the occupation of Mrs. Stanborough; thence in a straight line across the Gatcombe-road to the house which belongs to James Barlow Hoy, Esq., and is now in the occupation of James Dennett; thence in a straight line in the direction of West Mill to the point at which such straight line cuts the Lukely or Carisbrooke Stream; thence, northward, along the Lukely or Carisbrooke Stream to the point at which the same meets the boundary of the old borough; thence, northward, along the boundary of the old borough to Pan Bridge; thence in a straight line to the point at which the footpath to Shide meets Church Litton-lane; thence along the said footpath to the point first described."

The population in 1861 was 7,934, showing an increase of 1,234 since 1831.

The number of inhabited houses in 1861 was 1,591.

The number of electors on the register of 1865-66 was—

|                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |           |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----------|
| 10l. occupiers - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 662       |
| Freemen -        | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2         |
|                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | <hr/> 664 |
| Double entries - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 21        |
|                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | <hr/> 643 |
| Actual Number -  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | <hr/> 643 |

The total number of male occupiers in 1866 was 1,420, of whom 625 were at a rental below 10l.

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This borough, being included in Schedule (A.) of "The Representation of the People Act, 1867," will return one Member only after the end of the present Parliament.

The municipal and Parliamentary boundaries of Newport are identical, and comprise an area of 176 acres.

The town of Newport has increased considerably since 1832. In the directions of Carisbrooke and of Shide, there are continuous rows of houses up to the boundary, and beyond it are detached villas extending towards the village of Carisbrooke in the one case, and Shide Cross in the other; on the east there is a very large extension towards and including Cross Lane and Barton; and on the north a number of new houses have been built towards the Parkhurst Barracks.

The houses built towards Shide are chiefly inhabited by labourers and artisans who work in Newport. There are some villa residences occupied by persons the greater number of whom are connected with the town.

On the east of the Medina are a very considerable number of houses near the boundary, separated only from Newport by the river; and immediately beyond these there are detached rows and groups of new houses, the furthest of which are designated as Cross-lane and Barton Village.

There are houses to the north of Newport on the Cowes-road, a portion of which are occupied by persons supplying the wants of the military, and by the families of soldiers quartered at Parkhurst. The houses, however, adjoining Newport, at Hunny Hill, are occupied almost entirely by labourers and artisans who work in the town.

The Commissioners recommend that the district called Hunny Hill, and also the district including the houses towards Shide Cross and Carisbrooke, and the extension at Cross-lane and Barton, should be included within the borough.

The foregoing statement deals with what may be considered as the town of Newport proper, but the line of boundary of the borough is described in the Boundary Act of 1832, already quoted, as passing "northward along the boundary of the old borough." The old borough included the bed and creeks of the River Medina, which flows for four miles from Newport to Cowes.

Houses have from time to time been built on land at Cowes reclaimed from the river, and votes have been claimed and allowed in respect of them. Frequent disputes have arisen as to whether particular houses have been built on land so reclaimed; and their inhabitants, forming as they do part of the town population of Cowes, have evidently no connexion with Newport.

It is not, however, within the province of the Commissioners to recommend any diminution of the limits of the present borough, and, unless it should be thought desirable to make such a change, they consider that the whole of the towns of East and West Cowes should be included in the borough, and have suggested a boundary in accordance with that alternative.

The borough, as extended, in the districts of Hunny Hill, Shide Cross and Carisbrooke, and Cross-lane and Barton, may be described as consisting of

"The present borough of Newport, and so much of the parishes of Whippingham and Carisbrooke respectively, as lies between the present boundary of the borough and the following boundaries, that is to say—

"*Whippingham*.—From the point at which the Fairy (or Fairlee) Hole Stream joins the present boundary at the River Medina, eastward, along the said stream for 100 yards beyond the point at which it meets Cross-lane; thence, southward, in a straight line to the point at which the Occupation-road, leading past the eastern end of a field called Long Mead, meets the Old Ryde (or Staplers) road at Polars; thence in a straight line to the point at which the Occupation-road leading to Hedera House (Mr. Dash's) meets the Barton Village-road; thence along the said road to the point at which it meets the footpath leading from Barton Village to Staplers; thence, westward, along the said path and in production of the direction thereof in a straight line to the southern end of Elm-road; thence in a straight line to the Pan turnpike; thence, westward, in a straight line to the nearest point in the River Medina (excluding the mill); thence, northward, down the said river to the point at which it meets the present boundary:

"*Carisbrooke*, No. 1.—From the present boundary at its south-eastern angle where the footpath from Shide meets Church Litton-lane southward, in a straight line to Shide Cross; thence, westward, along White Pit-lane to the point at which the Castle and Gatcombe-roads diverge; thence, north-westward, along the cross road leading to the Carisbrooke-road to the point at which it meets the Carisbrooke-road; thence down the stream from the mill to the point at which it meets the Lukely Brook; thence, northward, along the said brook to the point at which it meets the present boundary:

"*Carisbrooke*, No. 2.—From the point at which the present boundary crosses Petticoat-lane, northward, in a straight line to the point at which Tin Pit-lane meets Exbury-road; thence in a straight line to the angle of the road immediately to the north of Mr. Walter Brown's farm (Providence Cottage); thence in a straight line to the Hunny Hill-road; thence in a straight line to the nearest point of the present boundary in the River Medina."



In the event of the towns of East and West Cowes being included in the borough, the following description should be added to the above:—

“And also so much of the parishes of Whippingham and Northwood as is included within the following boundaries respectively, that is to say :

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#### EAST COWES.

“*Parish of Whippingham.*—From the eastern extremity of the indentation of the right bank of the River Medina immediately on the south of the East Cowes Park Brick Works, eastward, along the fence which meets the bank at that place, to the point opposite to the south-western angle of the roadway bounding East Cowes Park; thence, northward, in a straight line to the said angle, and along the western bounding road of East Cowes Park to the point at which it meets the northern bounding road of the said park leading to East Cowes; thence, northward, in a straight line to the point on the Newport-road, at which it is met by a roadway about 193 yards west of the fifth milestone from Newport; thence, westward, along that road to the point at which it meets the present boundary at the shore:”

#### WEST COWES.

“*Parish of Northwood.*—From the point of the present boundary, at the pier at West Cowes Castle, south-westward, along the road leading to Montague House to the point at which it meets the Terrace-road; thence, southward, along the Terrace-road, and westward, along Church-road (but including Park Cottage and the other cottages beyond the boundary wall of Northwood Park) to the point in the road opposite to the lodge at St. Mary’s Church; thence, southward, along the road from St. Mary’s Church to the point at which the same meets Union-road; thence, south-westward, along Union-road and Mount Pleasant-road to the junction of roads at Moorgreen Cottage; thence, south-eastward, to the southernmost extremity of the road at Moorgreen; thence in a straight line to the point in the Newport-road at which it is met by a road leading west from Smithards and the West Cowes Gas Works; thence, eastward, along the last-mentioned road and in production of the direction thereof to the point in the left bank of the river Medina at which it meets the present boundary.”

#### PROPOSED CLAUSE in Boundary Bill put in by Mr. C. Wykeham Martin, M.P.

##### NEW CLAUSE instead of CLAUSE 4.

THE boundaries of the old boroughs specified in the first schedule to this Act annexed shall, for all purposes relating to the election of a Member or Members to serve in Parliament, be altered in manner therein mentioned, and such boroughs shall for such purposes include the places and be comprised within the boundaries which in such schedule are respectively specified and described in conjunction with the names of such boroughs.

Save as aforesaid, the boundaries of all old boroughs shall remain unchanged.

##### Clause 4 of the Boundary Bill as it now stands.

Clause 4.—“The boundaries of the old boroughs specified in the first schedule to this Act annexed shall be altered in manner therein mentioned; and such boroughs shall, for all purposes relating to the election of a Member or Members to serve in Parliament, include the places and be comprised within the boundaries which in such schedule are respectively specified and described in conjunction with the names of such boroughs.

“Save as aforesaid, the boundaries of all old boroughs shall remain unchanged.”

#### PROPOSED CLAUSE by Mr. C. Wykeham Martin, M.P.

##### In Committee on Boundary Bill :

Mr. Wykeham Martin, to move the following clause :

(Alteration of boundaries of old boroughs not to affect rights connected with such boroughs.)

No alteration of the boundaries of any of the old boroughs specified in the first schedule to this Act annexed shall in any way divest, prejudice, or affect any estate, interest, right, or title of Her Majesty, Her heirs or successors, or of any corporation, company, or person, in or to any corporeal or incorporeal hereditaments, or other property of any description, whether real or personal, situate within, or held, exercised, or enjoyed in respect of or in connection with any of such old boroughs.





## NEWPORT (MONMOUTHSHIRE).

### 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

Newport  
(Monmouthshire).

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| NEWPORT is a contributory with Usk to the Monmouth district.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                        |
| The limits of the Parliamentary and municipal boroughs, and of the district under the Local Government Act, are identical.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | The boundary.                          |
| They are well defined and undisputed, and are accurately stated on the map.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                        |
| Newport is a thriving and increasing town. It is one of the principal ports from which the coal and iron of the South Wales mineral district is exported, and enjoys very great facilities of railway and canal communication. The town occupies by far the larger portion of the area of the borough. There is not any considerable quantity of land within the borough boundary which remains available for building purposes. | The town.                              |
| On the north-western side of the town, a very considerable number of houses have overgrown the limits of the borough.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                        |
| A scheme, which was submitted to us on behalf of the corporation, for the extension of the boundary, and the reasons why, with certain modifications, it should be adopted, are stated in detail below.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                        |
| The increase in the number of inhabited houses and the population has been extremely rapid, and has not been surpassed by that of any other town in the South Wales district.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Rapid increase of the town.            |
| The number of inhabited houses at present within the borough is 3,844; in 1861, it was 3,666; and in 1831, 467.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Inhabited houses.                      |
| The population in 1831 was 1,798; in 1861 it was 23,249; and it is now estimated, by reliable authority, at 27,500.*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Population.                            |
| It was proposed to us to include within the Parliamentary borough—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Proposed additions.                    |
| 1. A considerable tract of land, lying towards the west and north-west of the borough.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | West and north-west.                   |
| 2. A district (Maindee), comprising 232 acres on the east.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | East (Maindee).                        |
| 3. A tract of land of 222 acres, lying at the southern extremity of the borough.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | South.                                 |
| 1. With regard to the extension proposed on the western and north-western side of the borough, no opposition to the boundary proposed was brought before our notice.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | West and north-west addition.          |
| The area includes 383 acres, on which are at present 265 inhabited houses, and an estimated population of 1,500.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Acreage, inhabited houses, population. |
| It appears to us to embrace a district, whose inhabitants may reasonably be considered as having a close affinity to the town population, on which there is every reason to suppose that a considerable extension of building will take place, and has been carried to limits beyond which, owing to various local circumstances, it is not probable that building will extend.                                                  | Nature of the proposed addition.       |
| We recommend that this district be added to the borough.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Addition recommended.                  |
| 2. The extension proposed on the eastern side of the borough embraces the suburb of Maindee, and is the district of the Christchurch Local Board of Health.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2. Eastern (Maindee.)                  |
| It immediately adjoins the boundary of the borough, and an almost continuous line of houses connects it with that portion of the borough which lies on the eastern bank of the river.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Its situation.                         |
| It is wholly situate within the parish of Christchurch, and offers a continuous and well-defined boundary.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                        |
| It contains an area of 232 acres, on which are at present 406 inhabited houses, and an estimated population of 2,000.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Acreage, inhabited houses, population. |
| Some of the houses are of a superior class, and are occupied by tradesmen and clerks connected with the town; the larger portion, however, consists of small cottages, chiefly inhabited by artisans and workmen employed in the trade of Newport.                                                                                                                                                                               | By whom occupied.                      |
| A strong feeling appears to prevail among a considerable number of the inhabitants of the district against its annexation to the borough. The reasons that are assigned are a disinclination to exchange the county qualification, which it is stated a considerable number possess, for a vote for the borough, and a fear that being added to the Parliamentary,                                                               | Annexation opposed by inhabitants.     |

\* The average number of inhabitants to a house is stated to be much higher at Newport than at any other district visited.

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Addition  
recommended.  
  
Southern.  
Acreage, inhabited  
houses.  
Act of Parliament  
for the Alexandra  
Docks.  
  
Opposition to its  
being added.

mentary, will hereafter lead to their being included within the municipal borough, the heavy taxation of which they are desirous to escape.

The petitions and memorials in connection with this district are sent herewith.

It does not appear to us that there is any sufficient ground for our not recommending this district also to be added to the borough, and we accordingly advise its annexation.

3. The proposed southern addition consists of 222 acres of low-lying agricultural land, on which there are now but three or four inhabited houses.

An Act of Parliament, under the title of the Alexandra Dock Company, has been obtained for the construction of docks of an extensive character; and the limits of the proposed addition are those of the land included in the scheme.

It is considered that the docks, and the other buildings which would probably be consequent on their construction, ought to be included within the borough.

Against this it is urged that, although the sanction of Parliament was obtained for the construction of the docks three years ago, none of the works contemplated have as yet been commenced.

That it is very probable that the scheme may prove entirely abortive; and that, in the event of the works not being completed within 10 years, the land will revert to its former proprietor.

That its situation renders it unfit for building purposes; and that if it be not used for docks, or works of a similar nature, it must of necessity retain its present agricultural condition.

Summary of present  
borough and pro-  
posed additions.

SUMMARY.

|                         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Acres. |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--------|
| Area of present borough |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 938    |
| Of Proposed Additions:  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |        |
| 1. North and north-west |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 383    |
| 2. Maindee              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 232    |
| TOTAL Acres             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,553  |
| Inhabited Houses.       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |        |
| Present borough         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3,844  |
| Proposed Additions:     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |        |
| 1. North and North-west |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 265    |
| 2. Maindee              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 406    |
| TOTAL                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4,515  |
| Population.             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |        |
| Present borough         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 27,500 |
| Proposed Additions:     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |        |
| 1. North and north-west |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,500  |
| 2. Maindee              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2,000  |
| TOTAL                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 31,000 |

SUMMARY of the Entire BOROUGH.

The number of inhabited houses in 1861 was 5,154; it is now estimated at 5,332.

The population in 1861 was 30,577; it is now estimated at 34,800.

The number of registered electors is 2,087.

The population of Newport comprises more than two-thirds of the population of the whole borough.

Between the present year and the year 1831 it has increased upwards of 25,000.

Monmouth, during the same period, has increased less than 2,000.

Newport, Monmouthshire. (signed) E. Reilly,  
Lieutenant Colonel, Royal Horse Artillery.  
J. L. Johnston.



## 2.—PETITIONS.

PETITION of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Newport* in the County of *Monmouth*.

The humble Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Newport*, in the County of *Monmouth*, in Council assembled :

Showeth,

THAT a Bill is now before your Honourable House for the purpose of carrying out and effecting the recommendations of a Commission appointed under the provisions of "The Representation of the People Act, 1867," 30 & 31 Vict. c. 102.

That the borough of *Newport* aforesaid comprises the borough of *Newport* and parts of the parishes of *St. Woollos* and *Christchurch*, all in the county of *Monmouth*, and is divided by the River *Usk*.

That *Newport* is a port of considerable importance, in which, in addition to a fine river in which at certain states of the tides there is a depth of water of 40 feet, and within the borough there is a floating dock adapted for the largest description of vessels in ordinary use in the British mercantile navy; and partly within, but principally just outside, the existing borough boundary, in the parish of *St. Woollos*, about 200 acres of land have, under the provisions of "The *Alexandra (Newport) Dock Act, 1865*," been secured for additional dock accommodation; and when the Assistant Commissioners made their survey and examination, your Petitioners had every reason to believe, and did believe, that the said *Alexandra Dock* property would be recommended by them to be included within the enlarged boundaries of the borough, and which your Petitioners believe to be the desirable course; but, on referring to the Report of the said Boundary Commissioners, it is discovered that they do not recommend any extension of the borough in that direction.

That since the said Assistant Commissioners visited *Newport*, steps have been taken by the proposed *Alexandra Dock Company* for proceeding with their works.

That your Petitioners are of opinion that the whole of the land to be occupied by the said proposed new dock should be included within the limits of the borough.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray your Honourable House that you will be pleased to include the whole of the said proposed *Alexandra Newport Dock* property within the said borough, or that you will be pleased to cause further inquiry to be made in the matter, or that you will be pleased to grant to your Petitioners such other relief in the premises as to your Honourable House may seem fit.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

## 3.—MEMORIALS.

To the Select Committee appointed to consider the Boundary of the Borough of *Newport*, *Monmouthshire*.

The Humble Memorial of the *Alexandra (Newport) Dock Company* :

Showeth,

THAT in the year 1865 your Memorialists obtained an Act of Parliament "To authorise the construction of a dock and other works, at or near *Newport* on the western side of the River *Usk*, to be called 'The *Alexandra Dock*,' and of railways to connect the same with neighbouring railways, and for other purposes."

That by the said Act your Memorialists were empowered to make and maintain the works therein specified in the situation, and according to the lines and levels shown upon the deposited plans and sections, and upon the lands delineated upon such plans, and described in the book of reference.

That the "dock limits" referred to in the said Act comprise an area of about 200 acres.

That the said "dock limits," except a small portion of the approach to the proposed docks at the northern end, were specially defined so as to be outside the boundary of the borough of *Newport*.

That in consequence of the depressed state of the money market, your Memorialists were unable to raise the necessary funds for carrying out the works authorised by the said Act, and in the present Session of Parliament they are the promoters of a Bill for authorising the division of their capital into sections, and your Memorialists are about to commence the works.

That within the "dock limits" there are at present only eight houses, every one of which will have to be removed in carrying out the works.

That the lands within the "dock limits" will be occupied with the docks, timber, ponds, wharves and warehouses, and the railways and sidings connected therewith.

That a very large proportion of the land within the "dock limits" is below high-water mark, and would be flooded but for the raised bank by the side of the river, and any land

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intended for the erection of buildings will have to be first raised several feet above the present level, and it is not the intention of your memorialists to let land within the "dock limits" for general building purposes.

That the corporation of Newport are very anxious to include the "dock limits" within the Parliamentary boundary of the borough, and strongly urged the point upon the Boundary Commissioners when at Newport, and since the publication of the Report of the Commissioners, excluding the property of your Memorialists, the corporation have memorialised the Secretary of State, and petitioned Parliament.

That though the corporation do not state so in their aforesaid memorial and petition, it is notorious that their avowed object is to get the property of your Memorialists within the municipal borough, so as to bring the same within the assessment of the borough rate, and under the control of the borough justices and police, and that their desire to get the "dock limits," included within the Parliamentary borough is only as a means to that end.

That the borough rates now amount to 2s. in the pound, and should the municipal boundary be so extended as to include the property of your Memorialists, the additional taxation would swallow up one-tenth of the annual profits, and seriously endanger the prosperity of a concern of vast magnitude and importance to the port and district.

Your Memorialists, therefore, humbly pray that the boundary of the Parliamentary borough, as proposed by the Boundary Commissioners, may be approved and confirmed, and the property of your Memorialists be excluded therefrom.

The seal of the company was affixed by me this day, in accordance with resolution of the directors.

(L.S.)

Alexandra (Newport) Dock Company,  
60, Gracechurch-street, London.  
21 May 1868.

J. S. Adam, Secretary.

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MEMORIAL forwarded by the Town Clerk of *Newport*.

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NEWPORT (MONMOUTH) BOUNDARY.

IN addition to the facts stated upon the petition of the corporation of Newport, the town clerk of Newport, acting on behalf of the corporation, begs leave to state that a meeting was held in the borough in the month of September 1867, at which not only the corporation, but also Lord Tredegar, the owner of the property in question, and chairman of the Alexandra Dock Company, was represented by his chief land agent, and the local solicitor of the Alexandra Dock Company was also present, and at which the whole of the landed proprietors affected by the boundary question were represented.

This meeting lasted for a considerable time; and, after very much discussion and concessions on all sides, the meeting agreed in recommending for the adoption of the Commissioners the lines as detailed in the accompanying printed particulars, and it was with great surprise that the corporation and inhabitants of Newport learnt that the Alexandra Dock had been omitted by the Commissioners.

We wish to point out to the Committee of the House, that about 10 acres of the land comprised in the Alexandra Dock Act is now within the existing borough boundary; and it would be a great public advantage that the whole should be included in one jurisdiction, for the present as well as the future benefit of the port.

We further anticipate that the boundaries of Parliamentary boroughs will soon become conterminous with the municipal boundaries, and so become subject to the Local Board of Health.

The matter is one of great importance to the corporation. When these docks are constructed, as they are now about to be, they will entail upon the ratepayers inevitable expense and responsibility in the shape of police, roads, and other matters incident to the maintenance and protection of that kind of property, and the corporation therefore deem it just that the undertaking should be subject to rates like the existing Newport Docks and other property within the present municipal borough of a similar nature.

25 May 1868.

(signed) Thomas Woollett,  
Town Clerk, Newport, Monmouthshire.

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BOROUGH OF NEWPORT PROPOSED BOUNDARY.

START from the River Usk, at the parish boundary of Malpas and St. Woollos, near the mouth of Crindau Pill, follow such boundary to the east fence of Monmouthshire Eastern Valleys Railway, pass along such fence till you come to Marshes-road Turnpike; thence along south bank of canal to west fence of fields Nos. 77 a and 79, on St. Woollos tythe map, to Barrack-road; along such road and down west fence of No. 106 to a stream of water running through No. 115, following such stream of water to west fence of No. 124 along such fence till it reaches the parish road; thence along the south boundary  
of



of the property of William Evans, Esq., till it reaches the footpath to the Risca-road; cross the Risca-road to cemetery wall; thence follow line of cemetery wall to turnpike road leading from Newport to Basselleg; follow the cemetery fence wall till you get opposite the boundary fence dividing the properties of Lord Tredegar and Lady Power, and follow such boundary to the occupation bridge over the South Wales Railway, near the south end of the tunnel; cross the South Wales Railway at such occupation bridge, and follow the east fence of the said railway to the Cardiff-road; follow the north side of Cardiff-road until you reach the entrance to Court-y-Bella farm, where cross to the south side of the Monmouthshire Railway as far as Mendelgyf-road; follow the present boundary along the Mendelgyf-road to the north-east corner of field No. 553, where the road is crossed by the boundary or limit of lands for docks, shown on the deposited plans, and referred to in the book of reference of "The Alexandra (Newport) Dock Act, 1865"; follow the dock limits through to River Usk, viz., from Mendelgyf-road to north-west corner of field No. 468; thence along Maes Glas Reen to junction of Pill with River Ebbw in field 562; then by a straight line to a point on the sea bank in No. 625, and from thence across, by another straight line, to Ty-Coch Farmhouse, and through field 603 into River Usk; follow the centre of the river along the present borough boundary to Liswerry Pill, include the whole of the Christchurch Local Board of Health district, and follow the old boundary along the river to the starting-point near the mouth of Crindau Pill.

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17 September 1867.

#### 4. OTHER DOCUMENTS.

LETTERS addressed to the Right Honourable *H. A. Bruce, M.P.*, a Member of the Committee.

Maindee, near Newport, Monmouthshire,  
21 May 1868.

Sir,

I AM directed by the Christchurch Local Board of Health very respectfully to call your attention to the enclosed copy of a letter addressed to the Boundary Commissioners on the 17th of last October, the receipt of which was acknowledged by Mr. C. W. Freemantle on the 18th of October, with a promise that it and the memorial to which it refers should be "duly considered" by the Commissioners; and as it is the general wish of the inhabitants of Maindee not to be included in the borough of Newport, by which the resident freeholders will be deprived of their county votes, and fixed eventually with increased taxation for municipal purposes, they earnestly hope that the district of the Christchurch Local Board (viz. Maindee) may not be added to the borough of Newport.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Thomas Kessick,*

Clerk to the Christchurch Local Board of Health.

The Right Honourable  
Henry Austin Bruce, M.P., London.

Maindee, near Newport, Monmouthshire,  
23 May 1868.

Sir,

I BEG to thank you for your courtesy in informing me that you have been so good as present the memorial of the Christchurch Local Board of Health to the Select Committee.

The object of the town council of Newport in desiring and proposing to include our separate district in the borough of Newport, is more for the purpose eventually of getting us within the "municipal net" for town debts and rating, &c., than for Parliamentary electoral purposes; and, considering that very little is to be gained by depriving a numerous body of electors of their county votes for two Members, in order that a very few who don't desire it may have a third share in one, the Memorialists earnestly hope that the Select Committee will favourably consider the almost unanimous wish of the inhabitants of Maindee, as shown by the memorial, and not add us to the borough of Newport.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Thomas Kessick.*

The Right Hon. Henry Austin Bruce, M. P.



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Christchurch Local Board of Health Office, Maindee,  
near Newport, Monmouthshire,  
17 October 1867.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I AM requested by the Christchurch Local Board of Health respectfully to call your attention to a memorial addressed to your right Honourable Board against the annexation of the separate district of Maindee to the borough of Newport for Parliamentary purposes, which memorial, signed by nearly all the inhabitant householders in the district, viz., 335, has been presented by a deputation to the Assistant Boundary Commissioners, and has been left with them for, it is hoped, the favourable consideration of your right honourable Board.

There are at present 91 county voters on the list for the district of Maindee, which number will be, under the new Reform Act, extended to about 130 or 140; and as the scope and purpose of the new Act is to extend and not abridge electoral privileges, the electors of Maindee object to be deprived of their county votes for two Members of Parliament by being included in the borough of Newport.

Now and in future Parliaments only one Member is returned for the three towns of Monmouth, Usk, and Newport, and therefore if the district of Maindee should be placed within the Newport boundary, a large class of voters will be deprived of their votes for two Members of Parliament for the county, and will be left with only a third share in one for the three towns.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Thomas Kessick,*

The Boundary Commissioners for Clerk to the Christchurch Local Board of Health.  
England and Wales.

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#### BOUNDARY BILL.—NOTICE OF MOTION.

*Colonel Somerset.*

IN the event of Mr. Hibbert's motion to leave out clause 4 not being carried, to move—

That the first schedule be amended, so far as respects the description of the proposed boundary of the borough of Newport, by adding thereto the following words:

"Thence along the present boundary to a point on the Mendelgief-road, about 15 yards due east of the north-eastern corner of the field, numbered 546 on the Tithe Commutation Map for the said parish of St. Woollos.

"Thence by a straight line, in a south-westerly direction, to the northern corner of the field numbered 467 on such map; thence in a straight line, in a southerly direction, to the south-western corner of the field numbered 628 on such map.

"Thence in a straight line, drawn due east, to the middle of the River Usk; and thence northward, along the centre of the said River Usk, until the same line meets the present boundary of the borough."

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## NORTHAMPTON.

## 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

THE Parliamentary and municipal boundaries of Northampton coincide. The borough consists of five parishes, and is co-extensive with the Northampton Improvement Commissioners' district.

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The only considerable extensions of the town beyond the borough boundaries are :

1. The localities known as "Cotton End" and "Far Cotton," situate in the parish of Hardingstone, to the southward of the town.

In Cotton End there are 79, and in Far Cotton 239 inhabited houses, with estimated populations of 395, and 1,195 persons respectively. Cotton End forms part of the town. Far Cotton (which is about five acres in extent) is separated from Cotton End by an inconsiderable interval, comprising several detached houses. Such portion of this interval as may be available for further building would seem likely to be occupied for that purpose; seeing that further extension to the southward is practically barred by the juxta-position of large settled estates.

2. The locality known as St. James's End, situate in the parishes of Dallington and Duston, to the westward of the town.

This extension is practically indistinguishable from the town. It contains 301 inhabited houses, with an estimated population of 1,505 persons; a considerable extent of land here is laid out in plots for building purposes.

3. A group of 60 inhabited houses, with an estimated population of 300 persons, situate in the parish of Kingsthorpe, to the northward of the town, and to the eastward of the Kingsthorpe-road.

These houses may be described as the Kingsthorpe extension.

They are generally connected with the town by the Kingsthorpe-road, and extend continuously from the town round the north-western corner of the race-course. Houses are in course of erection, and some additional extensions are probable.

The Kingsthorpe extension comprises a few villas; but the houses in the several localities above mentioned are generally of the artisan class, and are occupied by railway servants, journeymen shoemakers, foundrymen, market-gardeners, small tradesmen, brewery hands, and an inconsiderable proportion of farm labourers. There is not any other considerable number of town houses beyond the Parliamentary boundaries. The town is generally increasing, mainly, however, to the eastward, where there is ample space within the borough for further extensions.

Opinions averse to any alteration of the boundaries were universally expressed at our inquiry.

In the event of an enlargement of the borough, so as to include the localities above mentioned, the boundaries might advantageously, considering the nature of the property in the land, and with a view to the general situation, be drawn as follows :

From the point on the north of Northampton, at which the Gipsy-lane (leading from Kingsthorpe to the toll-bar on the Kettering-road) leaves the Parliamentary boundary at the north-east corner of the race-course, along the same lane towards Kingsthorpe to the point at which it crosses the brook from Kingsthorpe Lodge; thence, following the course of the same brook to the point at which it joins the north branch of the River Nen; thence, along the same branch of the said river to the point south of St. Andrew's Mill at which the same is rejoined by the mill-stream; thence, in a straight line to the north corner of Dallington Mill; thence, along Dallington Mill-lane to the point at which it meets the Rugby-road at Dallington Side Bar; thence, in a straight line to the point at which the Daventry-road crosses the small brook to the westward of the 'Red House' Inn; thence, in a straight line to the point to the westward of the Lower Duston Mill at which the mill-stream leaves the south branch of the River Nen; thence, in a straight line to the Cotton-end Lock, on the Northampton branch canal; thence, in a straight line to the point at which the Rotherhope and Banbury-lane is joined by a public footway from Far Cotton; thence, eastward for 380 yards along the same lane to the point at which it joins the Towcester-road; thence, along the Towcester-road towards Northampton to the point at which it joins the London-road; thence, in a straight line to the point on the Parliamentary boundary to the eastward of Nun Mill at which the mill-stream joins the River Nen; as delineated in the accompanying map, and thereon coloured blue.

Such boundaries would be natural or obvious limits, inclusive of all existing extensions, and making all reasonable allowance for the future.

(signed) *Edward R. James, Capt. R.E.*  
*Ralph C. Palmer.*

Oxford, 16 October 1867.

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## 2.—PETITIONS.

PETITION of the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Northampton*.

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the Borough of Northampton, in Public Meeting assembled :

Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners are opposed to the enlargement of the Parliamentary boundaries of the borough of Northampton :

1. As unnecessarily accumulating small votes in a town already representing a large amount of popular opinion, and taking them from the county, where popular opinion is, in the opinion of this meeting, inadequately represented.

2. That the bulk of the districts proposed to be added have no natural connection with the town, being outlying places entirely separated, and employed in industries connected with the respective localities.

3. That the enlargement proposed is uncalled for, and undesired by the suburban residents themselves.

4. That it is unjust in admitting parties to the Parliamentary privileges without participating in the burdens and duties of citizenship of the town to which they are to be attached.

Lastly. That it is at variance with fair representation in eliminating from the county constituency a large number of voters even now under-represented, namely, the small freeholders, as well as the small occupiers who would be enfranchised by the late Reform Act.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that, for the reasons above stated, Parliament will not enlarge the Parliamentary boundaries of the borough of Northampton.

[1 Signature.

PETITION of Inhabitants of St. James's End, in the Parishes of *Duston*, *Dallington*, and of *Kingsthorpe*, in the Southern Division, County of *Northampton*.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of St. James's End, in the Parishes of Duston and Dallington, and of Kingsthorpe, in the Southern Division, in the County of Northampton :

Showeth,

THAT, by the Report of the Commissioners appointed under the Boundary Act, it is proposed to annex your Petitioners to the Parliamentary borough of Northampton.

That your Petitioners' interests are connected with the county representation, they are therefore most anxious to preserve their county qualifications, and are by no means desirous of being joined to the constituency of the borough of Northampton, with whom they have no common interest.

Your Petitioners submit that it is unjust and impolitic that some persons residing in a parish should be joined to the borough whilst the majority of the parish belong to the county, and that it will cause confusion and depression amongst them.

Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honourable House to suffer them to remain as heretofore in the electoral division of South Northamptonshire, and not to pass so much of the proposed Boundary Act as relates to the proposed extension of the borough of Northampton.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[107 Signatures.

PETITION of Inhabitants of *Cotton End* and *Far Cotton*, in the Parish of *Hardingstone*.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of Cotton End and Far Cotton, in the Parish of Hardingstone, in the Southern Division of the County of Northampton :

Showeth,

THAT, by the Report of the Commissioners appointed under the Boundary Act, it is proposed to annex your Petitioners to the Parliamentary Borough of Northampton.

That your Petitioners' interests are connected with the county representation, and not with that of the borough, and they are therefore most anxious to preserve their county qualifications.

That the map or plan annexed to the Report of the Commissioners does not fairly represent the relative position of the district of Far Cotton and the town of Northampton, which  
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in such plan are made to appear contiguous, whilst in truth and in fact, the said places are separated by a distance of about half a mile by the nearest carriage road.

That very great inconvenience would accrue to your Petitioners by being separated from the parish of Hardingstone, to which they naturally belong.

Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honourable House to suffer them to remain as heretofore, in the electoral division of South Northamptonshire, and not to pass so much of the proposed Boundary Act as relates to Cotton End and Far Cotton.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[175 Signatures.

Northampton.

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3.—MEMORIALS.

— None. —

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4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

— None. —





# NOTTINGHAM.

## 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

### Nottingham.

THE existing Parliamentary boundaries of this borough are correctly shown on the map furnished to the Assistant Commissioners. Existing Parliamentary boundaries.

The existing Municipal boundaries of this borough are not correctly shown on the map furnished to the Assistant Commissioners. Existing Municipal boundaries.

The Parliamentary and Municipal boundaries are coincident.

The Local Government Act is in force within the limits of the borough and in the parish of Basford, which adjoins the borough on the north. Limits of Local Government Act.

An extension of the present Parliamentary borough was proposed to the Assistant Commissioners, viz., on the east so much of the parish of Sneinton, which adjoins the borough, as is within the following boundary, that is to say— Local proposition for extension of borough.

From the junction of the parish of Sneinton with the borough of Nottingham at the south-west end of Trent-lane, abutting upon the Flood-road, north-eastward down Trent-lane to the Midland line of railway; thence along the railway to Old Trent-lane, northward along Old Trent-lane to the road leading to Colwick, and thence in a westward direction to Wood-lane; thence along Wood-lane, to Nelson-street, north-eastward along Nelson-street to its intersection with Sneinton Dale-road, from the north-east corner of Nelson-street in a straight line to the north-east corner of Walker-street, abutting upon Windmill Hill-lane; thence along Windmill Hill-lane to Carlton-road; thence south-westward along Carlton-road to the south-western angle of the last house in Pleasant-row, Sneinton Elements; and thence in a straight line to the borough boundary at the south-eastern corner of an allotment marked No. 118 on the award map of the Nottingham inclosure.

On the west, so much of the new parish of Standard Hill and the limits of the Castle and of the parishes of Lenton, Radford, and Basford, all adjoining the borough, as is within the following boundary; that is to say—

From the north-western angle of the borough in the Nottingham Meadows, directly across the canal to the River Leen; thence along the course of the River Leen to the bridge at Bobber's Mill, and thence in a north-westward direction along the turnpike road to Bar-lane; thence along Bar-lane to North-street in Old Basford north-westward along North-street and Clinton-street, to the back of a public-house known as Rock Tavern, directly across the road to Cinder Hill, and thence north-eastward along Mill-street and David-lane to their intersection with the Nottingham and Mansfield Railway; thence along the line of railway to the road immediately north of the Basford Railway Station, leading to Nottingham by Sherwood Hill and Forest Ville; thence along the said road to the north-western angle of a road known as Albany-road, situate on Sherwood Hill. From the north-western angle of Albany-road in a straight line cutting the south-eastern angle of the south-eastern buttress of Carrington Church to the eastern side of the Nottingham and Mansfield turnpike road; thence in a southward direction along the said road to its intersection with the borough boundary at the foot of Red-lane.

We are of opinion that the present Parliamentary borough should be extended in all the directions proposed, and we submit the following remarks upon the local proposition. Opinions of Assistant Commissioners. Extension of Parliamentary borough necessary.

Those parts of the parishes of Sneinton on the east, and of the parishes of Lenton and Radford on the west, and the whole parish of Standard Hill and the limits of the Castle, included in the proposed boundary, are part of the town of Nottingham, and are connected with it by a continuous line of buildings. Remarks upon local proposition. Parishes of Sneinton, Lenton, Radford, and Standard Hill are part of the town of Nottingham.



Basford, a manufacturing suburb of Nottingham.

Town population throughout the districts proposed to be added to borough.

Proposed boundary on the east considered. Includes inhabited houses. Objection. Excludes agricultural land. Objection.

No proposal for extension of borough towards the south. Remarks upon district south of the borough.

Proposed boundary on the west considered. Objection. Includes inhabited houses and sufficient area for extension. Excludes, in the parish of Lenton, certain houses. Excludes, in the parish of Radford, agricultural land. Excludes, in the parish of Basford, certain populous districts.

On the east, the boundary of the parish of Sneinton preferable to that proposed.

On the south, extension of the borough necessary.

On the west, in the parish of Lenton, certain districts should be included.

In the parish of Radford, proposed boundary is the best.

In the parish of Basford on the north-west, an alteration of proposed boundary would include more houses. Cinder Hill and Dob Park cannot be included without the whole parish of Basford.

On the north, Sherwood should be included.

Table subjoined.

That part of the parish of Basford included in the proposed boundary is a large manufacturing suburb of Nottingham, closely built over, containing large factories and bleach yards. It is separated from the town of Nottingham by a cemetery and the racecourse.

The inhabitants of all the districts included in the proposed boundary are a town population.

On the east this boundary is tortuous. It is long for the area inclosed, and it consists in two places of long air-lines. It includes the greater part of the inhabited houses, but it skirts them closely in many places. It excludes all the agricultural land in the parish of Sneinton; much of this is eligible for building purposes, and is for sale; some is occupied as garden ground by artisans employed in Nottingham, and a large piece of it juts into the borough at the south.

On the south there was no proposal to extend the boundary in the direction of the River Trent. This district is eligible for building purposes; it is laid out in streets, and has upon it large factories and houses recently built and others in course of erection, and the town has a tendency to increase in this direction.

On the west the boundary is good, and consists of roads, a river, and a railway, except at its northern extremity, where a long air-line is proposed. It contains the greater part of the inhabited houses, and includes sufficient area for extension. It excludes, in the parish of Lenton, a narrow strip of land, upon which are some houses, between the River Leen and the canal, and a manufacturing district at Spring Close, containing about 70 inhabited houses with a town population of about 350. In the parish of Radford it excludes all the agricultural land. In the parish of Basford it excludes the districts of Cinder Hill, Dob Park, and about 50 houses in Old Basford, and at its northern extremity the large and populous district of Sherwood, containing a large factory, about 200 houses, and a town population estimated at 1,000.

We consider that on the east, the boundary of the parish of Sneinton, being a well-known limit, is preferable to the boundary locally proposed.

That on the south, the boundary should be extended so as to allow for the probable extension of the town in that direction, and that so much of the parish of Wilford as lies north of the River Trent, and the King's Meadows (part of the limits of the castle), affords sufficient area for this purpose.

That on the west, in the parish of Lenton, the canal is preferable to the River Leen, being a larger feature and a more permanent boundary, and that the manufacturing district of Spring Close should be included.

That the River Leen is the best boundary in Radford parish.

That at the north-west extremity of Basford, more houses may be included by a slight alteration of the boundary proposed, but that it would be impracticable to include the districts of Cinder Hill and Dob Park by any good boundary less than that of the whole parish of Basford. That on the north, in the parish of Basford, the populous district of Sherwood should be included, and the proposed air line avoided.

We give, in a tabular form, the area, inhabited houses, and population estimated to the present time, of the whole of the parishes proposed to be affected, and also of their parts included in the local proposition, and in the boundary recommended by us.

TABLE OF AREAS—INHABITED HOUSES—POPULATION.

| PARISH.                                       | TOTAL<br>Estimated to Present Date. |                      |                  | Included<br>by Local Proposition. |                      |                  | Included by Proposition<br>of the<br>Assistant Commissioners. |                      |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
|                                               | Acres.                              | Inhabited<br>Houses. | Popula-<br>tion. | Acres.                            | Inhabited<br>Houses. | Popula-<br>tion. | Acres.                                                        | Inhabited<br>Houses. | Popula-<br>tion. |
| Sneinton - -                                  | 720                                 | 2,576                | 11,048           | 220                               | 2,480                | 10,632           | 720                                                           | 2,576                | 11,048           |
| Standard Hill<br>and Limits of<br>the Castle. | * 200                               | † 192                | † 1,180          | * 150                             | † 192                | † 1,180          | * 200                                                         | † 192                | † 1,180          |
| Lenton - -                                    | 5,080                               | 1,274                | 5,828            | 569                               | 1,164                | 5,333            | * 600                                                         | * 1,230              | * 5,680          |
| Radford - -                                   | † 1,000                             | 3,217                | 13,465           | 360                               | 3,190                | 13,315           | 360                                                           | 3,190                | 13,315           |
| Basford - -                                   | 2,720                               | 2,688                | 12,185           | 548                               | 2,148                | 9,755            | * 1,100                                                       | * 2,400              | * 11,000         |
| Wilford, North<br>of River Trent              | * 250                               | * 10                 | * 50             | - -                               | nil -                | - -              | * 250                                                         | * 10                 | * 50             |
| Parliamentary<br>Borough of<br>Nottingham.    | * 2,000                             | † 15,441             | † 85,200         | * 2,000                           | † 15,441             | † 85,200         | * 2,000                                                       | † 15,441             | † 85,200         |
| TOTALS -                                      | 11,970                              | 25,398               | 128,956          | 3,847                             | 24,615               | 125,415          | 5,230                                                         | 25,039               | 127,473          |

\* Estimated by Assistant Commissioners.

† Census Returns, 1861.

‡ Electoral Returns, 1865-66.

Remainder locally estimated.

We recommend that the Parliamentary Borough of Nottingham be enlarged so as to include—

Recommendation of  
Assistant Commis-  
sioners.  
Extension of Parlia-  
mentary boundary  
recommended.

The whole parish of Sneinton.  
That part of the parish of Wilford lying north of the River Trent.  
The whole of the parish of Standard Hill, and the limits of the Castle of Nottingham, including the park, brewhouse-yard, and the King's Meadows.  
And such portions of the parishes of Lenton, Radford, and Basford, as lie between the county of the town of Nottingham, and the following boundary ; that is to say—

“From the point where the Nottingham Canal crosses the common boundary of the parishes of Lenton and Standard Hill westward along the canal to the bridge across it at the end of Abbey-street ; thence south-westward along the highway to barn-houses ; thence north-westward along Abbey-lane to the Derby-road ; thence eastward along the Derby-road to the River Leen at the bridge near the main entrance to Wollaton Park ; thence northward along the River Leen to the bridge at Bobber's mill ; thence north-westward along the turnpike road to Bar-lane ; thence north-eastward along Bar-lane to its junction with North-street in Old Basford ; thence north-westward along North-street to its junction with Clinton-street ; thence along Clinton-street to its junction with Stock Hill-lane ; thence westward along Stock Hill-lane (about 130 yards) to the end of a footpath leading into the Truman Yard-lane ; thence northward along the said footpath (about 30 yards) to its junction with the Truman Yard-lane, and in continuation of the direction of the said footpath (about 3 yards) to a brook, commonly called Jackson's Brook, running from Cinder-hill to the River Leen ; thence northward down the said brook to the River Leen ; thence south-eastward down the river Leen to a bridge carrying the Nottingham road by Sherwood-hill and Mars-hill, and distant about 100 yards along the said Nottingham road from the Basford station on the Mansfield line of the Midland Railway ; thence south-eastward along the said Nottingham road to its junction with North Gate in New Basford ; thence north-eastward along the Occupation-lane to the Nottingham and Mansfield turn-pike road at Sherwood ; thence along the said Mansfield road to its intersection with the boundary of the parish of Basford ; thence eastward along the boundary of the parish of Basford to its junction with the present borough boundary.”

(signed) Edward Bullock.  
George Sanford, Capt. R.E.

Nottingham.

## 2.—PETITIONS.

PETITION of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Nottingham*.

The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Nottingham, under their Corporate Seal:

Humbly sheweth,

THAT the borough of Nottingham was, by charter of King Henry VI., separated from the county of Nottingham, and constituted a county of itself, under the title of the town and county of the town of Nottingham.

That the owners of real property in the said borough vote in respect thereof for the borough, and not for the county at large.

That, with the exception of Nottingham and four other boroughs, the owners of real property in all English boroughs vote in respect of such property in the county at large, and not in the borough.

That it is desirable to remove the anomaly which now exists as to Nottingham.

That by far the greater part of the owners of real property in boroughs are resident therein, and will have occupation votes for such boroughs, and therefore their property votes will not be represented.

That, to secure the representation of the real property in boroughs, it is desirable that all owners in boroughs should vote in respect thereof for the counties at large.

That the Boundary Bill now before your Honourable House proposes to add to the existing borough of Nottingham certain surrounding districts, in which the owners of property now vote for the county at large.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray, that your Honourable House will be pleased to introduce into the said Boundary Bill such provisions as will give to the owners of real property in the borough of Nottingham, and in the district proposed to be added thereto, the like right to vote in the election of Members of Parliament for the county of Nottingham, as the owners of property in such boroughs as Leicester, Derby, &c. have to vote in the counties at large respectively adjoining to them.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[1 Signature.

PETITION of Freeholders, Inhabitants, and Ratepayers of the Parish of *Radford*, in the County of *Nottingham*.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled:

The humble Petition of the undersigned Freeholders, and Inhabitants, and Ratepayers of the Parish of Radford, in the County of Nottingham,

Humbly sheweth,

THAT your Petitioners regard with deep concern the Report of the Boundary Commissioners for England and Wales, recommending the enlargement of the Parliamentary Boundaries of the Borough of Nottingham, so as to include therein the parish of Radford, or parts thereof.

That your Petitioners entirely dissent from, and disapprove of, any such enlargement, and for the following reasons:—

1. That having regard to the great extension of the franchise which is effected by "The Act for the Representation of the People, 1867," and to the circumstance that there exists no sound reason why a distinction should be made between a town and county franchise, your Petitioners are of opinion that at no distant period there will be an assimilation between the county and borough franchise, and that in such event, those of your Petitioners who are ratepayers would, as such, obtain votes for the county in which they reside, and of which they are part; and in which, if they possessed it, they would prefer to exercise the franchise, as in it they would have more influence than they could acquire or possess in the borough of Nottingham.

2. That in the opinion of your Petitioners any enlargement of the boundaries of the borough of Nottingham for Parliamentary purposes, must eventuate in their extension for municipal and all other purposes, and to this they would most strenuously object, inasmuch as the borough of Nottingham is already heavily burdened with debt, and is likely to be more so, and as in it the rates and charges are greatly in excess of those paid by your Petitioners.

3. That



Nottingham.

3. That some of your Petitioners are freeholders in the parish of Radford, and as such have votes for the northern division of the county of Nottingham; and they fear that if any enlargement of the boundaries of the borough of Nottingham were to take place, they would lose their votes for that division as such freeholders, inasmuch as the borough of Nottingham is a county of itself, and its freeholders vote for the Members for the borough, and not as in other boroughs for the county at large; and in case of the enlargement of the borough boundaries as suggested, if your Memorialists kept their votes there would then be two classes of freeholders in the same constituency, one class voting for the town, and the other for the county, an anomaly which they do not think the Legislature would continue, and which it might think proper to, and most likely would, remedy by withdrawing the county franchise from the freeholders of the county, and giving them votes for the borough, a view of the subject in which your Petitioners are further confirmed, as they are advised that if the Boundary Bill now before your Honourable House become law as it now stands, it will, through the operation of Clause 2, be held to have become part of the Act 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 45: "An Act to amend the Registration of the People in England and Wales;" which enacts, by Section 31, that in the case of towns and cities being counties of themselves, the freeholders within the enlarged limits of such cities and towns shall vote for such cities and towns.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honourable House that no enlargement of the boundaries of the borough of Nottingham be made, as suggested by the Report of the Boundary Commissioners before referred to, and proposed by the Bill now before your Honourable House, and that if any such enlargement be deemed necessary, such relief may be granted to your Petitioners as to your Honourable House shall appear desirable.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[34 Signatures.

PETITION of the Guardians of the Poor of the Radford Union, in the County of *Nottingham*.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland  
in Parliament assembled:

Humbly Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners, the guardians of the poor of the Radford Union, in the county of Nottingham, have learned with much surprise that a proposal has been submitted to your Honourable House to add the several parishes comprising this union to the borough of Nottingham for Parliamentary purposes.

That your Petitioners cannot disguise from themselves, that in the event of annexation to Nottingham, for electoral purposes, it is more than probable that an annexation for municipal and local board purposes would follow, to which your Petitioners would most strongly object.

That your Petitioners, although heavily taxed, have hitherto effected all their works without incurring any debt, and they submit it would be exceedingly unjust to call upon them to contribute in any way to debts incurred by the Corporation of Nottingham for the improvement of the town.

That your Petitioners respectfully represent in all cities, counties of towns and boroughs in England except six, of which Nottingham is one, the freeholds situate in such cities, counties of towns and boroughs, confer votes for the counties at large in which they are situate. And your Petitioners represent that the freeholders in this union object to be annexed to Nottingham, and to be deprived of their votes as freeholders of the county.

That your Petitioners respectfully submit that it would be a strange anomaly for the county to retain the power to levy rates upon the Radford Union, whilst for electoral purposes they formed part of the town of Nottingham.

Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honourable House that such Bill, in its present state, may not pass into law; but that due regard may be had to the existing rights, and that ample provision may be made to secure them from any increase in their local burthens consequent upon its passing.

Given under the common seal of the board, this 14th day of May 1868.

[1 Signature.

Nottingham.

PETITION of the Freeholders, Lessees, and Occupiers of the Parish of *Standard Hill* and the Liberties of *Nottingham Castle*.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled :

The humble Petition of the Freeholders, Lessees, and Occupiers of the Parish of *Standard Hill*, and the Liberties of *Nottingham Castle*, in the County of Nottingham,

Humbly sheweth,

THAT your Petitioners are informed and believe that it is proposed to annex the aforesaid parish and liberties to the town and county of the town of Nottingham, for the purpose of voting at elections for Members of Parliament only.

That, on the occasion of the recent inquiry at Nottingham before the Assistant Boundary Commissioners, a petition, signed by 87 freeholders, lessees, and occupiers of the parish and liberties aforesaid, was presented to the said Assistant Commissioners, proposing the annexation of Parliamentary purposes of such parish and liberties to the town of Nottingham, and praying that the same might remain part of the northern division of the county of Nottingham.

That the said parish and liberties form part of the northern division of the county of Nottingham, and for poor-rate purposes are attached to the Basford Union, which mainly comprises parishes in the county of Nottingham, and is wholly apart from the town and county of the town of Nottingham.

That the town of Nottingham, unlike the generality of boroughs, is a county of itself.

That if the Boundary Bill now before Parliament passes as it stands, your Petitioners are advised and believe that it will operate to deprive them of their county votes without giving them any corresponding advantage, inasmuch as your Petitioners have already votes for the town of Nottingham.

That your Petitioners submit that, as the operation of such Boundary Bill will leave the aforesaid parish and liberties still liable to contribute to county rates and taxation, it is only just that your Petitioners should retain their right to county representation.

That your Petitioners strongly object to the aforesaid parish and liberties being attached for the purposes of Parliamentary representation to the town of Nottingham, and desire to retain their present right of county representation.

That the number of electors for the representation of the town of Nottingham will be more than double the number of electors for the northern division of the county of Nottingham, and therefore that the votes of your Petitioners for the northern division of the county of Nottingham will have greater weight and influence than for the town of Nottingham.

Your Petitioners, for the reasons before named, therefore object to the proposed enlargement of the boundaries of the borough of Nottingham, so far as such enlargement purports to include the aforesaid parish of *Standard Hill*, and liberties of the *Castle of Nottingham*, and humbly pray your Honourable House that such aforesaid parish and liberties be allowed wholly to remain part of the northern division of the county of Nottingham.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

[71 Signatures.

PETITION of Freeholders, Inhabitants, and Ratepayers of the Parish of *Lenton*, in the County of *Nottingham*.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled :

The humble Petition of the undersigned Freeholders, Inhabitants, and Ratepayers of the Parish of *Lenton*, in the County of Nottingham,

Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners object to annexation to the borough of Nottingham for Parliamentary purposes.

That your Petitioners prefer to vote for the county.

That the votes of your Petitioners will be of more influence in the county than in the borough, as the constituency will be less.

That your Petitioners object to being thrown into the borough of Nottingham for any purpose.

Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honourable House that the Boundary Bill, now before Parliament, may not pass into a law.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[52 Signatures.

PETITION of Freeholders, Inhabitants, and Ratepayers of the Parish of *Sneinton*, in the County of *Nottingham*.

Nottingham.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled :

The humble Petition of the undersigned Freeholders, Inhabitants, and Ratepayers of the Parish of *Sneinton*, in the County of *Nottingham*,

Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners object to annexation to the borough of *Nottingham* for Parliamentary purposes.

That your Petitioners prefer to vote for the county.

That the votes of your Petitioners will be of more influence in the county than in the borough, as the constituency will be less.

That your Petitioners object to being thrown into the borough of *Nottingham* for any purpose.

Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honourable House that the Boundary Bill, now before Parliament, may not pass into a law.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[111 Signatures.

PETITION of Inhabitants of the Borough of *Nottingham*, and the Districts proposed to be added thereto.

To the Honourable the Commons of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled :

Showeth,

WE, the undersigned inhabitants of the borough of *Nottingham* and the districts proposed to be added thereto, as specified in a Bill entitled "The Boundary Act, 1868," now before your Honourable House, do pray that it may be the pleasure of your Honourable House to pass the said Bill, as far as the borough of *Nottingham* and the aforesaid districts be concerned, in the terms inscribed on page 26 of the said Bill.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[1,671 Signatures.

PETITION of Members of the *Radford* Board of Highways resident in the District proposed to be added to the Borough of *Nottingham*.

To the Honourable the Commons of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled :

Showeth,

THAT we, the undersigned members of the *Radford* Board of Highways, elected by the ratepayers of *Radford* parish, and resident in the district proposed to be added to the borough of *Nottingham*, as specified in a Bill entitled "The Boundary Act, 1868," now before your Honourable House, do pray that it may be the pleasure of your Honourable House to pass the said Bill, as far as the borough of *Nottingham* and the district be concerned, in the terms inscribed on page 26 of the said Bill.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[10 Signatures.

### 3.—MEMORIALS.

— None. —



Nottingham.

## 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

LETTER from the Right Honourable Mr. Speaker, addressed to the Chairman of the Committee.

Dear Mr. Walpole,

You asked me yesterday, before I left the room, if I could point out an amended line for the boundaries of Nottingham.

I consider the case of the Northern Division of Nottingham so exceptional, that I was anxious to set it fully before the Committee.

If the Committee should think it desirable to pass the present boundaries, where the municipal and Parliamentary limits are co-extensive (in my opinion a thing not lightly to be done), they might think well to direct the Assistant Commissioner to make a new line comprehending that part of Sneinton which is built upon, and the same as regards Radford.

Wilford (merely open fields), the Park, and Lenton, might well be left out of the town boundaries.

Yours, &c.

*J. E. Denison.*

LETTER from Viscount *Amberley*, M.P., with Enclosure, addressed to the Chairman of the Committee.

26 May 1868.

LORD AMBERLEY begs to enclose a letter which he has received this afternoon.

The Chairman of the  
Select Committee on Boundaries of Boroughs.

To Lord *Amberley*, M.P.

My Lord,

Nottingham, 25 May 1868.

WE, the undersigned, do declare and can prove that the petition sent to the Boundary Committee, now sitting, by the party in favour of annexation, was presented to the public this day for signatures without any form of petition attached thereto.

We therefore lay the case before your Lordship to protect our rights, believing that it is the wish of the inhabitants generally against any extension of the present boundary.

We have, &c.

*Joseph Place*, 69, Wollaton-street.

*Thos. Wright*, Boot-court.

*George Storr*, Waterway-street.

*Thomas Marshall*, Brunswick-street.

STATEMENT put in by Viscount *Amberley*, M.P.

BOROUGH OF NOTTINGHAM.

25 May 1868.

THERE are six boroughs in England and Wales which are counties of cities or counties of towns, and in which the freeholders vote for the town instead of voting for the county. The six boroughs are Bristol, Exeter, Haverfordwest, Lichfield, Norwich, and Nottingham.

By the 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 45, 13 boroughs that were counties of cities or towns were included in the adjoining county at large as regards the votes of freeholders. The principle adopted in that Act was thus stated by Lord John Russell in introducing the Bill on 12th December 1831.

"In some cities, being counties of themselves, the possession of a freehold gives a right of voting for the county at large. In other cases, such freeholds give the right of voting only for the city; and in other cases confer no privilege of voting whatever. It is intended that those who vote for the county at large shall remain undisturbed; those who vote for the county of the city will also be allowed to retain their votes; but it declares that those who heretofore possessed no privilege of voting for either county or city shall be thrown into and vote for the adjoining county at large."

In consequence of this arrangement, the six boroughs above named remain in the exceptional position of being the only boroughs in which the possession of a freehold does not confer a vote for the county at large.

Now, if the boundaries of one of these boroughs be extended, as is proposed by the Boundary Commissioners in the case of Nottingham, one of two things must happen. Either the freeholders in the districts added to the borough by the Boundary Bill will continue to vote for the county, as they do now, or they will cease to vote for the county  
and

and vote for the town instead. If they continue to vote for the county at large, two different laws will prevail in the same place; for while the freeholders in the old portions of the town will vote only for the borough, the freeholders in the new portions will vote for the county, and if resident, will be qualified as occupiers to vote also for the borough. Great dissatisfaction would naturally be caused by giving to persons resident in one district a privilege which those resident in another district of the same constituency do not enjoy. If, on the other hand, the position of the freeholders in the districts added by the Bill be assimilated to that of the freeholders already within the borough boundary, the former will be deprived of a valuable right, that of voting for the county at large. They will, in fact, be disfranchised. The right of voting for the borough will be no adequate compensation for such disfranchisement, as that right may be obtained by other qualifications, residence being always necessary to confer a vote for the borough. No reason has been shown for inflicting such a penalty upon these freeholders, nor has it ever been stated that its infliction was intended. Yet such would apparently be the effect of the Boundary Bill as it now stands, for by Clause 2 that Bill is to be construed as one with the Boundary Act of 1832, and the Boundary Act of 1832 is construed as one (by the preamble) with the Reform Act of 1832. Now, under the last-mentioned Act, the freeholders in the above boroughs retained the right of voting for the town, since they were not included by Schedule G. in the adjoining county.

It is, therefore, submitted to the consideration of the Committee that the position of these freeholders is wholly anomalous, and that the only satisfactory way of dealing with their case would be to place them on the same footing as the freeholders in all other boroughs, namely, to permit them to vote for the county at large. But if the Committee have no power to entertain that question, then no extension of the boundary of any such borough ought to be sanctioned until the whole of this question can be considered.

An additional reason for not dealing with the borough of Nottingham in the manner proposed by the Boundary Bill, is, that in that borough the Parliamentary and municipal boundaries are now co-extensive, and that a decided objection would be felt there to any arrangement by which the former was extended beyond the limits of the latter. It is contended that if the inhabitants of the outlying districts be brought within the borough for the purposes of the Parliamentary franchise, they should also be within it for purposes of rating and local government.

For these reasons, it would not be expedient to make any alteration in the existing Parliamentary boundary unless such alteration be accompanied, first, by a corresponding change in the municipal boundary; and secondly, by an enactment transferring the votes of the freeholders of Nottingham from the borough to the county in which it is situated.

*Amberley.*

The Select Committee on Boundaries of Boroughs.

REPORT of Meeting of Town Council, put in by Viscount *Amberley*, M.P.

#### NOTTINGHAM BOROUGH BOUNDARIES.

At a special meeting of the town council of the borough of Nottingham, held on the 23rd September instant, it was resolved as follows: "That with a view to carry out the provisions of 'The Representation of the People Act, 1867,' it is, in the opinion of this council, desirable that the boundaries of the borough of Nottingham should be enlarged to such an extent as it shall appear there is coincidence of interests: provided that in making such an enlargement, the Parliamentary and municipal boundary shall be co-extensive; and that the freeholders of this borough be placed in the same position with regard to their votes as freeholders in other boroughs which are not counties of themselves." And at the same meeting a deputation was appointed to present this resolution to the Boundary Commissioners.

The deputation so appointed have thought that it would be most convenient to present the above resolution, together with the observations which they have to make on the subject of it in writing.

1. The borough of Nottingham is not only a borough but a county, and was so constituted by charter of King Henry VI.

2. It is governed by a corporation, which is also the local board of health.

3. The principal trades of the borough are those of lace and hosiery.

4. By the census of 1861 the borough was found to have a population of 74,693, and to contain 15,441 dwelling-houses; it is estimated that the population is now about 85,000.

The number of Parliamentary voters on the register is 7,002; viz., occupiers, 4,424; freeholders, 1,015; and freemen, 1,563.

6. The freeholders within the borough confer votes for the borough, but not for the county.



Nottingham.

7. The area of the borough is about 1,730 acres, of which about 635 are land not at present built over; about one-half of this land consists of farms, grass land, and gardens, at some distance from the centre of the town.

8. The Parliamentary, municipal, and parochial boundaries are co-terminous.

9. Adjoining to the town are the parishes and places following, namely :—

1st. Sneinton (in the southern division of the county).

2nd. Radford.

3rd. The Park, Standard Hill, and Brewhouse-yard; and,

4th. Lenton (all these are in the northern division of the county).

10. In 1861 the population and area of each of these adjoining places were as follows :—

|                                                 | POPULATION. | AREA<br>IN ACRES. |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 1. Sneinton                                     | 11,048      | 720               |
| 2. Radford                                      | 13,495      | about 1,000       |
| 3. The Park, Standard Hill, and Brewhouse-yard. | 1,180       | 140               |
| 4. Lenton (excluding Brestwood Park)            | about 4,828 | about 2,080       |
|                                                 | 30,551      | 3,940             |

11. The other places which at different points touch the boundaries of the town are, Basford, Gedling, Bridgford, and Wilford.

Basford contains a considerable manufacturing, mining, and agricultural population. Gedling, Bridgford, and Wilford contain chiefly an agricultural population.

12. Sneinton, Radford, the Park, Standard Hill, Brewhouse-yard, and Lenton (exclusive of Brestwood Park) have by extent of building become connected with the town, and the inhabitants are, for the most part, engaged in the same manufactures as those of the town. The inhabitants of these places share with those of the borough the benefits derived from provisions and arrangements of all kinds in the borough, for the advantage, convenience, and good order of the town in relation to trade and manufacture, and to personal circumstances and wants.

13. It is submitted that if the electoral franchise for Parliamentary purposes for the borough be extended to the inhabitants of these outlying neighbourhoods, such inhabitants should be brought for all public purposes within the borough, and have the same powers, privileges, and duties (including the liability to municipal and local board rates) as attach to the inhabitants of the borough as now constituted; and that it would materially contribute to the good government of the borough that this course should be pursued, especially in connection with the magistracy, the police, and sanitary regulations.

14. It is submitted that for the above and other objects, and as matter of general policy, the Parliamentary and municipal boundaries should still, as now, be co-terminous.

15. It is further submitted that no change in the borough boundaries should have the effect of transferring votes for freeholds now in the county to the borough, as being a county of itself; and that freeholds in the borough should cease to confer votes for the borough, but should confer votes for the county at large, and that thus the rights of the freeholders in the borough of Nottingham should be assimilated to those of the large majority of boroughs, cities, and counties of towns.

25 September 1867.



## OLDHAM.

### 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

THE Parliamentary borough of Oldham is co-extensive with the four townships of Oldham, Chadderton, Crompton, and Royton; while the municipal borough is co-extensive with the township of Oldham only. There are two local boards within the Parliamentary limits, namely, one at Crompton, and another at Royton.

The population of the Parliamentary borough in 1831 was 50,513; in 1861 it was 94,344, and in 1866 it was computed at 107,729. It was stated to us, that Oldham is "second in size to only one other borough, Clitheroe," in Lancashire, the area being "something like 20 square miles"; that the gross estimated rental is 450,407 *l.*, and the rateable value 245,868 *l.*

It was contended by the town council, that no addition should be made to Oldham, on the ground that it was large enough already, that the borough was at present "compact," and its boundary well defined.

On the other hand, it was admitted that adjoining the borough on the south-east is the hamlet of Lees; our inspection showed that such was the case; and so continuous is the mass of building that it is impossible to distinguish the line which divides the borough from the hamlet beyond. This hamlet is almost exclusively occupied by those who are employed in the neighbouring mills.

It was even admitted by the town clerk that the inhabitants of Lees were entitled to the borough franchise, the only question being whether they should be united to Oldham or to Ashton-under-Lyne. But Ashton is at least two miles distant from Lees, while the intervening space consists of agricultural land, without much building. In such circumstances it seemed obvious that, at all events, some addition should be made to Oldham in the direction of Lees.

The proposals, however, with respect to the precise limits of the additional district, were somewhat vague. There is indeed a local board at Lees, the district of which includes a large extent of agricultural land on the south, but excludes a considerable mass of buildings on the east; and, therefore, we have endeavoured to draw another line which will include the whole of the population engaged in manufactories. This district includes a population of 7,290; an area of 850 acres; 1,398 houses under 12 *l.*; and 151 houses of 12 *l.* and upwards.

No proposal was made to extend the borough in any other direction, nor does there seem to be any reason for so doing.

The proposed boundary may be thus described:—

The Parliamentary borough of Oldham, and the space included within the following boundary; that is to say, from the point (A) near Holt's Mill, at which the River Medlock leaves the boundary of the said borough along the River Medlock, to the point (B) at which the same joins Wood Brook; thence along Wood Brook to the point (C) at which the same is crossed by Back-lane; thence along Back-lane to the point (D) at which the same meets Doctor-lane; thence along Doctor-lane to Doctor-lane Head; thence westward along the road leading to Austerlands to the point (E) near Newfield, at which the same is joined by Harry Gate-lane; thence along Harry Gate-lane to the point (F) at which the same is joined by Low Brook-lane; thence westward along Low Brook-lane to the point (G) at which the same meets the boundary of the said borough; thence northward along the said boundary to the point first described.

*C. G. Gordon.*  
*P. Cumin.*

### 2.—PETITIONS.

PETITION of the Local Board for the District of the Middle Division of *Quickmere*,  
West Riding of the County of *York*.

The humble Petition of the Local Board for the District of the Middle Division of *Quickmere*,  
in the West Riding of the County of *York*, in meeting assembled,

Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners have been informed that the Commissioners appointed by your Honourable House to inquire into the boundaries of boroughs, &c., with reference to Parlia-

Oldham.

mentary franchise, intend to recommend to your Honourable House that the district of the local board for the middle division of Quickmere, in the West Riding of the county of York, be included in the Parliamentary borough of Oldham.

That your Petitioners being the local governing body of the said middle division of Quickmere, have had great opportunities of ascertaining the feelings and wishes of the rate-payers and inhabitant householders of the said district; and there appears to be a unanimous desire that the said district of Quickmere should not be included within the said Parliamentary borough of Oldham; the reasons for such desire are numerous, amongst which are the following:—First, that the said district of Quickmere is entirely disconnected from the borough of Oldham; second, the distance between the centre of Oldham and the centre of the said district of Quickmere is three miles at the least; third, that the borough of Oldham is, in the opinion of your Petitioners, sufficiently large of itself, without the addition of the said district of Quickmere, as it contains upwards of 72,000 inhabitants; fourth, that the said district of Quickmere is a rural district, and has not the same community of interest as the borough of Oldham.

Your Petitioners did not attend before the Assistant Boundary Commissioners on the matter, as they did not anticipate that any attempt would be made to include the said district of Quickmere within the Parliamentary borough of Oldham; they, however, so soon as they were made acquainted with the fact, passed a unanimous resolution against the extension of the Parliamentary borough of Oldham, so as to include the said local board district, of which resolution the said Assistant Boundary Commissioners were made acquainted.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to exclude the said district of the middle division of Quickmere from the Parliamentary borough of Oldham.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[1 Signature.

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### 3.—MEMORIALS.

— None. —

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### 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

LETTER handed in to the Committee by Mr. *Fremantle*.

Sir,

Elm House, Royton, 6 September 1867.

WITH a view to settle permanently the question of borough boundaries about to be opened by the Commission of which you are the secretary, I would suggest that a many boroughs now surrounded by thriving towns, such as this borough of Oldham, which towns are at present not entitled to vote for Members of Parliament, should be included, and added to the said boroughs; and to do this effectually and fairly, I would extend all such boroughs, by including all towns and districts included in the "Poor Law Unions" in which they are situate; as an example, I would extend the borough of Oldham, by including Middleton, Tonge, Thornham, and Alkington; and so with all similar cases.

If such were done, the boundaries of all boroughs would be easily and fairly defined, no preference being given to one part of the community over its immediately adjoining neighbours; and all persons possessing the legal voting qualification would be equally entitled to vote, which few, I think, will deny their right to do. I beg to suggest this scheme to the consideration of your Committee, and shall be glad to give any further explanation on the matter if requested to do so.

The Secretary of the Boundaries Commission.

I am, &c.  
(signed) *Thomas Seville*.



# PORTSMOUTH.

## I.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

### Portsmouth.

THE Parliamentary borough of Portsmouth comprehends the parishes of Portsmouth and Portsea and the whole of Portsmouth harbour, including the foreshore on the western side.

The Parliamentary and municipal boroughs are identical, and no area not within the borough is affected by any local Act of Parliament.

The population on the eastern side of the harbour is most concentrated along the neck which forms its entrance. The old town of Portsmouth lies at the narrowest point of this neck, and is 270 yards distant from Block House on the western side. It is from this centre that the extensions of the town in every direction have radiated. The present limits include both on the northern and eastern sides of the borough, a large amount of land unbuilt on, although in the possession of private individuals, and the town has not extended in these directions up to the boundary.

The only suggestion made to us was to include within the borough the remainder of the island of Portsea "in order to make the boundary more compact." This addition would include a part of the parish of Wymering and Great Salterns, which was, till recently, extra-parochial, but is now added to the parish of Portsea. The part of the parish of Wymering thus proposed to be added, consists of about 750 acres, almost the whole of which is Government property; it contains the Hulsea Barracks, and some small cottages built up around them. The total number of houses is 38, and the population, exclusive of the military, numbers 165. These inhabitants are almost entirely "navvies" and labourers at work on the fortifications now in progress in this district. Great Salterus contains about 350 acres, 6 houses, and an agricultural population of 29. Its rateable value is 385 £. We see no reason to recommend any extension of the Parliamentary boundary in these directions.

On the opposite side of the neck of the harbour, contiguous to the Parliamentary boundary of Portsmouth, lies the town of Gosport.

The foreshore of that side of the harbour (which includes, *inter alia*, Forton, Stoke, Haslar, and Oysterpool Lakes) is within the borough of Portsmouth. It appears that houses built upon land reclaimed from the harbour would give a vote for Portsmouth, but that up to the present time only one house has been so built, and no claim has been made for a vote in respect of it. The Government are, however, filling up and reclaiming the upper part of Forton Lake, called Milpond, and there would be no difficulty in reclaiming Stoke Lake, which is dry at low water.

Gosport is situate in the parish of Alverstoke, which is said to extend to the middle of the harbour. The parish of Alverstoke contains 4,000 acres, a population (in 1861) exclusive of the military, of 18,466; 3,827 inhabited houses, of which 864 are assessed at 12 £. and upwards. It now contributes about 300 voters to the electoral rolls of South Hants, but under the new Reform Act the county franchise will be extended to about 1,000.

Besides the town proper of Gosport (that is the part within the Gosport lines) the parish contains Newtown, Bury, Camden Town, Forton, Anglesea, and the villages or hamlets of Brockhurst, Elson, Hardway, Alverstoke, and Clayhall.

Gosport was originally a small fishing village, but since the Government works and establishments have spread to that side of the neck of the harbour, it has completely changed its character. Its population is identical in pursuits and interests with that of Portsmouth and Portsea; it is equally with these dependent on the Government establishments connected with the arsenal and dockyard, and is in the fullest sense an extension of Portsmouth. The same observations apply to *Newtown, Forton, Camden Town* (including the houses up to Ann's-hill-lane), and to *Bury* as far as Love-lane. The number of houses in the town proper of *Gosport* is 1,542; its population independent of the military, but including the shipping and naval training-schools, lying on the Gosport side of mid-harbour was, in 1861, 7,257. The number of houses in *Forton and Camden Town* and up to Ann's-hill-lane, is 920; the population about 4,500. The number of houses in *Newtown and Bury* to Love-lane is 679, and the population about 3,000. Between these places and Gosport proper, the only distinction is that the latter is within the lines, and the former without the same. Communication between the two sides of the harbour is kept up by a floating bridge crossing every half-hour each way; by two ferries, and by a body of 400 licensed watermen. The neck of the harbour at its narrowest part is 270 yards across; where the floating bridge crosses, it is 670 yards. Social intercourse between those living on opposite sides of the harbour is somewhat impeded by the want of facility of communication after 10.30 P.M.; but there is a great deal of commercial intercourse, especially

Present Parliamentary Borough.

Proposal made to Assistant Commissioners, to include part of parish of Wymering and Great Salterns. Part of Wymering parish.

Great Salterns.

Gosport. Its situation relative to borough, &c.

Parish of Alverstoke.

Contains.

Gosport Proper. Description of.

Newtown, Forton, Camden Town, Bury, Gosport Proper.

Forton and Camden Town. Newtown and Bury.

Communication between two sides of harbour.

Intercourse, social.

Commercial.



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| Portsmouth.                                                                                                           | among the working classes, of whom a considerable number work and live indifferently on either side the water.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Alverstoke.                                                                                                           | The village of <i>Alverstoke</i> contains 106 houses and a population of 500. About five-sixths of the population are agricultural, the remaining one-sixth consists of dockyard labourers and men engaged in the coast-guard service.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Bury, west of Love Lane.                                                                                              | The part of <i>Bury</i> west of <i>Love Lane</i> contains about 30 houses with a population of 140, of the same character as that of <i>Alverstoke</i> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Brockhurst.                                                                                                           | <i>Brockhurst</i> contains 130 houses, and about 600 inhabitants. About half the population is purely agricultural; of the remainder the bulk are persons connected with the forts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Elson.                                                                                                                | <i>Elson</i> contains 67 houses, and a population of about 300. Most of these are farm labourers; the remainder consist of a few sailors' families and dockyard labourers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Hardway.                                                                                                              | <i>Hardway</i> contains 158 houses, of which above 60 have been built within the last 30 years. Its population is about 750. There is some building actually going on, and a good deal of land laid out for that purpose. The population consists of seamen, warrant officers, and persons working in the Government magazine at <i>Priddy's Hard</i> . There are not more than four or five farm labourers in the village. The communication across <i>Forton Lake</i> is kept up by a ferry at <i>Priddy's Hard</i> . There is also a bridge at <i>Forton Mill</i> , and, as before-mentioned, the Government are filling up the whole of the part above the bridge, called <i>Millpond</i> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Communication between, and Gosport Proper.                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Clayhall.                                                                                                             | <i>Clayhall</i> , with <i>Haslar Hospital</i> , contains 88 houses, and a population of about 350, partly agricultural, partly of nurses and servants from the hospital.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Anglesea.                                                                                                             | <i>Anglesea</i> contains 65 houses, and a population of about 320. It bears nearly the same relation to <i>Gosport</i> that <i>Southsea</i> does to <i>Portsmouth</i> , except that there are more independent persons, some of whom are the families of officers in the forts, and is less of a watering-place. It contains very few lodging-houses, only one shop and one public-house. It has entirely arisen within the last 30 years.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Headland between Oysterpool and Stoke Lake.                                                                           | The House of Industry and about 30 cottages stand upon a headland between <i>Oysterpool Lake</i> and <i>Stoke Lake</i> , the remainder of which is chiefly a common, to which some 13 persons claim rights of ownership. Hitherto there has been only a footbridge connecting the House of Industry with the town of <i>Gosport</i> . A permanent carriage bridge is in course of construction, and there is some reason to expect the common will be inclosed and built on.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Few new houses, &c. in or beyond Brockhurst, Alverstoke village, &c.                                                  | There are very few new houses and little building land in <i>Brockhurst</i> , <i>Elson</i> , <i>Alverstoke</i> , <i>Clayhall</i> , or the part of the parish to the west of these places, of which a large portion is Government property, and will not be built upon. The extent of it is marked on the map.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Wishes of the inhabitants of Portsmouth.                                                                              | It was represented to us that any extension of the borough in the direction of <i>Gosport</i> would be unpopular with the inhabitants of both places. The inhabitants of <i>Portsmouth</i> did not wish for an extension, on the ground that, having a population of 110,000, two Members were scarcely sufficient to represent their interests, and it would be hard they should be called upon to share, with others, such representation. From the western shore of the harbour, a deputation, headed by the Rev. Thomas Walpole, the rector of the parish of <i>Alverstoke</i> , presented to us a memorial, drawn up by a committee, on behalf of "a large and most respectable meeting," and which resolved, almost unanimously, to protest against "the annexation of the town of <i>Gosport</i> and parish of <i>Alverstoke</i> to the borough of <i>Portsmouth</i> ." This meeting was not a meeting of the inhabitants of <i>Gosport</i> and the adjacent town population only, but of the entire parish of <i>Alverstoke</i> , which embraces, as has been seen, a considerable agricultural population, and the residences of several country gentlemen. The first steps in calling the meeting were taken by the magistrates of the county of <i>Hants</i> residing in the parish. The meeting was presided over by the rector of the parish, who resides at the village of <i>Alverstoke</i> , and was largely and influentially attended by county magistrates, gentlemen, and others, who objected to be included within the Parliamentary borough. It seems to have been very generally assumed that any extension of the borough on the western side the harbour would include the whole of the parish of <i>Alverstoke</i> , as well the agricultural as the town population; and upon this assumption many of the arguments urged were based. There exists throughout the parish of <i>Alverstoke</i> , as in almost every place in which we have held an inquiry, a deeply-seated conviction that if any extension of the Parliamentary borough be made, it will be followed by a corresponding extension of the municipal borough, and that the inhabitants of the included district will sooner or later be subject to the payment of the comparatively heavy borough rates. The inhabitants fear, to cite an expression frequently made use of before us, that Parliamentary extension was but "the thin end of the wedge," and that if once they accepted the privilege of being within the borough for Parliamentary purposes, they must be content to bear their share of the burdens of the borough taxation. The rates payable in the borough of <i>Portsmouth</i> are said to be 7s. 10d. in the pound, whilst 4s. 6d. is the maximum paid in the parish of <i>Alverstoke</i> . |
| Of the parish of Alverstoke.                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Grounds of objection; the main objection, fear of corresponding municipal extension, and of burdens incident thereto. | Another objection was stated to be, that the parish would sustain a sensible loss if it, or any part* of it, were included within a Parliamentary borough, because the entire parish would, in either case, cease to enjoy the beneficial operation of the <i>Small Tenements Act</i> . The probable loss was estimated at 250l. per annum. It was further represented to us that                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Another objection; Small Tenements Act.                                                                               | the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

\* NOTE.—According to the evidence, the parish of *Alverstoke* extends to the middle of *Portsmouth Harbour*, and it would appear, if so, that part of the said parish is now within a borough.

the inhabitants strongly objected to lose their individuality. Gosport hoped some day to obtain a member of its own, and felt that its chances would be materially diminished if it were once included in the borough of Portsmouth.

It was stated, on the other hand, by several witnesses, that a great proportion of the population and especially of the working classes were in favour of union with Portsmouth, and that a very large majority would wish to be included in the borough, if they were assured that such inclusion would not subject them to the payment of the heavy rates of the town, or to liability for any past debts it may have incurred. One witness, a working man, complained that "the gentlemen did not understand the feelings of the working classes" in Gosport, who were anxious to share the representation of the borough, because of the complete identity of their interests with that of the population of the present borough, and because those interests would be more effectually represented by the borough than by county members.

The evidence we have received, satisfies us that the objection of the town population of the parish of Alverstoke to be included in the borough of Portsmouth, whether more or less largely felt, is almost entirely due to a fear that it would lead sooner or later to the payment of increased rates, and that the other objections urged are not material elements in the feelings of the population.

The line which we venture to submit would take in Gosport and Hardway, all the new houses (with the exception of Anglesea) and all lands actually laid out for building, while it would exclude all agricultural land, and as nearly as possible divide the rural population from that which forms part of the town population of Gosport and other extensions of Portsmouth.

The number of houses included by that line would be 3,329, and the population about 16,000.

It is difficult to divide Anglesea from the agricultural village of Alverstoke, with which it is almost one. The headland upon which it stands, is, with the exception of the small and partly agricultural village of Clayhill, almost entirely occupied by Government property, which will not be built on. We therefore do not propose to include it, but we have drawn a line which would as nearly as possible divide it from Alverstoke.

The boundary we submit is as follows:—

From the point where Hurricane-lane meets the borough boundary (A); along the lane till it meets the road leading from Elson to Priddy's Hard (B); thence along the said road till it meets the Elson and Hardway-road (C); thence in a straight line to the end of the northern bifurcation of Forton Lake (D); thence along the present boundary to the westernmost point of Forton Lake (E), and along the stream which runs into it at that point, until the said stream meets the Brockhurst-road (F); thence in a straight line to the point where the South Western Railway crosses Pound-lane (G); thence along the railway till it meets Armshill-lane (H); thence down Armshill-lane till it meets Wilmot's-lane (I); thence in a straight line to the northern end of Love-lane (J); thence down Love-lane till it meets Bury-road (K); thence in a straight line to the north end of the Causeway at the head of Oysterpool-Lake (L).

Portsmouth.  
Further objection  
loss of individuality  
*Contra*; many in  
favour, especially  
among working  
classes.

Description of  
proposed new  
boundary.

The line to include Anglesea, Clayhall, and Ewer Common, is as follows:—

From the point (M) where the boundary of the War Department property leaves the harbour, by Haslar Hospital; along the northern boundary of the War Department land, till it meets the road which leads from Stokes Bay Pier to Alverstoke (N); thence along the said road, to the cross road leading to "the Landmark" (O); thence along the said cross road as far as "the Landmark" (P); thence to the nearest point of the borough boundary on Stoke Lake (Q); thence along the present boundary till it meets the South Western Railway (R); thence along the South Western Railway till it again meets the borough boundary (S).

*J. Horne Payne.  
Rob. Biddulph.*

## 2.—PETITIONS.

PETITION of Inhabitants of the Town of Gosport and Parish of *Alverstoke*, in the County of *Southampton*.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the Town of Gosport and Parish of *Alverstoke*, in the County of *Southampton* :

Respectfully sheweth,

THAT your Petitioners have observed with great regret that, in the Bill now before your Honourable House, for carrying into effect the Report of the Boundary Commissioners for England and Wales, it is proposed to annex a portion of the parish of *Alverstoke* to the borough of *Portsmouth*, which borough already consists of upwards of 100,000 inhabitants.



Portsmouth.

That the parish of Alverstoke, including the town of Gosport, contains a population of upwards of 25,000 inhabitants, the laws being administered by a bench of magistrates of the county, having daily sittings of one or more of their number, and holding petty sessions for trying criminal cases twice a week.

That the affairs of the parish are governed by a visitor and guardians under Gilbert's Incorporation, by churchwardens and overseers of the poor, a highway board, and a burial board, and the town of Gosport is regulated by 32 commissioners, consisting of some of its principal inhabitants, for paving and lighting the streets.

That the town and parish comprise seven Protestant churches, and 10 chapels, a Roman Catholic chapel, and numerous schools.

That in these and all other social relations and interests, the inhabitants of Gosport and Alverstoke are altogether separate and distinct as a body from the inhabitants of the borough of Portsmouth, from whom they are separated by the harbour of Portsmouth, having only the artificial communication of a floating brige and ferry boats.

That, from time immemorial, the entire parish of Alverstoke has formed part of the county of Hants, contributing to its county and other rates, and sharing in its Parliamentary representation, from which it has no desire to be separated, unless for the purpose of having a separate Parliamentary representation, to which its inhabitants respectfully consider they are entitled.

That the boundaries of the borough of Portsmouth and of the parish of Alverstoke are each well-defined, showing an entire and absolute separation and independence the one from the other.

That the proposed annexation of any portion of the latter to the borough of Portsmouth would be very repugnant to the wishes and feelings of the great majority of the inhabitants of the parish of Alverstoke, and would, it is believed, be exceedingly distasteful to the inhabitants of Portsmouth.

Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honourable House that so much of the before mentioned Bill as relates to the proposed annexation of part of the parish of Alverstoke to the borough of Portsmouth, for the purpose of Parliamentary representation, may not pass into a law.

And, as in duty bound, your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[928 Signatures.]

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PETITION of the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Portsmouth*.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled :

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the Borough of Portsmouth in Public Meeting Assembled the 14th day of May 1868,

Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners have heard with the greatest dissatisfaction that Her Majesty's Boundary Commissioners have reported in favour of the annexation of the town of Gosport and portions of the environs of that town to the borough of Portsmouth, for Parliamentary purposes.

That the population of the borough of Portsmouth, by the census of 1851, was 74,000; and in 1861, 94,000; and that it has steadily increased in the same ratio from that date, and amounts, at the present time, to at least 110,000.

That the Parliamentary constituency of the said borough, according to the last registration, was 5,113.

That the existing boundary and extent of the borough is the natural one of the Island of Portsea, which it embraces, excluding a small portion of extra parochial land, and of the adjoining parish of Wymering, at the northern point of the island, and which might appropriately have been annexed to the borough of Portsmouth.

That the town of Gosport, which it is proposed to annex to the borough of Portsmouth, is separated by the harbour, and there is no natural connection between the towns to justify such annexation, which is equally objected to by the inhabitants of Gosport.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will refuse to sanction in any Bill which may be brought into Parliament for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Boundary Commissioners, so far as relates to the annexation of the town of Gosport to the borough of Portsmouth.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

Robt. E. Davies,

Mayor of Portsmouth.

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## 3.—MEMORIALS.

None.

## 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

LETTER forwarded to the Committee by the Right Honourable *Gathorne Hardy, M.P.*,  
Boundary Bill.—*Gosport, Portsmouth.*  
(*Private.*)

26, Britain-street, Portsea, 20 May 1868.

Right Hon. Sir,

PERCEIVING that Mr. W. H. Stone, M.P., presented a Petition from Portsmouth last evening, against the proposed annexation of Gosport to Portsmouth, I think it only right that you should be informed that the meeting at which the Petition was adopted was very thinly attended, the number present at any time not being more than 170, while the population is considerably above 100,000. It should also be mentioned that several speakers were in favour of annexation, and that the resolution was not carried unanimously.

The present Members for this borough appear to wish to create the impression that there is a strong feeling in the borough against the proposed annexation. I beg to assure you that this is not the fact. In proof of this, I may mention that the public meeting was not convened by requisition of the inhabitants, but at the earnest request of the borough Members, who appear to be afraid that the extension of the borough may jeopardise their seats, or, at all events, put them to considerable additional expense.

I take the liberty of addressing you, because I desire that the facts may be known, as it is very evident that the borough Members are moving in the matter from interested motives, and not because they desire to consult the wishes of the constituency.

I have, &amp;c.

(signed) *George L. Green.*The Right Honourable *Gathorne Hardy, M.P.*

PAPERS handed in by the Secretary of the Boundary Commissioners.

Boundary Commission, 30 &amp; 31 Vict. c. 102.

Gosport Local Authority,

21 April 1868.

Sir,

I AM instructed by this Board to forward you copy of resolution (as on other half) unanimously passed this day, and the enclosed extracts from the original charters of Gosport and Alverstoke, in support of the protest therein contained, in order that the same may be appended to the Commissioners' Report, and the boundaries more clearly defined in Committee.

I have, &amp;c.

C. N. Freemantle, Esq.,  
Secretary, Boundary Commission.(signed) *Horatio Compigné,*  
Clerk to the Board.EXTRACTS from and relative to the Charters of *Gosport* and Parish and Manor of *Alverstoke*.

HENRY DE BLOIS, in the reign of Stephen, granted a charter to the manor and borough of Alverstoke for two annual fairs.

In 1282 John de Pontissera, Bishop of Winchester, resigned the advowson of Alverstoke to the monks, from whom it had been seized by one of his predecessors, reserving, however, to himself and successors certain rights of patronage as are specified in the register at Winchester, known as the register of Pontissara; previous to these times, however, Alverstoke had been seized into the King's hands, and re-purchased from Henry the First by Godfrey de Lacy. It was again surrendered by Bishop Poynt, and recovered by Bishop Gardiner, and subsequent to the Reformation (with the exception of the interval of the civil war) Alverstoke has always been an ecclesiastical manor and borough, with peculiar customs as regarded the freeholders of the county.

"The Church holds Alverstoke; it was always abbey land, it was assessed at six pounds. A knight held half a hide; Sawinn's held it, but was not allowed to remove anywhere; it is worth 26 shillings."—(From the Saxon *Doomsday Book*.)

"We claim jurisdiction over the manor, borough, and lands of Alverstoke, over the sea-shore, between high and low-water mark, and over the sea as far as a man can ride into it on a white horse at the low-water time, and overreach with a lance." (*Manorial customs.*)

## COPY RESOLUTION.

Portsmouth.

"Resolved that the local authority for the town or borough of Gosport has seen with much surprise, the statement made by the Boundary Commissioners appointed under 'The Representation of the People Act, 1867,' in their Report, dated 5th February 1868, to the effect that the foreshore of the western side of the harbour of Portsmouth forms part of, and is within the municipal boundary of the borough of Portsmouth; that no claim to such fore-shore has ever been established by the borough of Portsmouth or has ever been recognised by the town of Gosport or parish of Alverstoke, and that this board does not now recognise or in any manner admit that such foreshore is within the municipal boundary of the borough of Portsmouth, as assumed by the said Report; but on the contrary, claims that such foreshore is within the boundary of the town of Gosport and parish of Alverstoke, and hereby records its protest against the aforesaid statement, and also that a copy of this resolution and protest be forwarded to the Boundary Commissioners, with a request that the same may be appended to their Report, and also to the Corporation of the borough of Portsmouth."

## No. 1.

PAPERS put in by Mr. Serjeant *Gaselee*, M.P.

INQUIRY before the ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

*The Annexation of Gosport to Portsmouth.*

THE Boundary Commissioners (Lieutenant Colonel Biddulph and Mr. J. Horne Payne) resumed their inquiry at the Guildhall, Portsmouth, yesterday, into the boundaries of the borough, "with the view to ascertain whether the boundaries should be enlarged so as to include within the limits of the borough all premises which ought (due regard being had to situation and other local circumstances) to be included therein for the purpose of conferring upon the occupiers thereof the Parliamentary franchise for such borough."

Colonel *Biddulph* wished, before resuming the proceedings, to make a few observations on some remarks which had appeared in the public press, as those remarks appeared to convey an impression that the Commissioners had proposed to add Gosport to Portsmouth, and that they were, therefore, travelling out of their duties. In the examination of the borough, the Commissioners found that there were a large number of houses actually adjoining the borough boundary, and their duty was to inquire whether there was an identity of interests or community of interests between this place and Portsmouth. That would have been their duty had there been only 20 houses instead of some thousands; but the fact remained the same, and they had to inquire into the circumstances, and report thereon. They did not wish it, therefore, to be believed that they had broached a question hostile to the wishes of the population. Those wishes would, no doubt, have a great weight, and would form a very prominent feature in the inquiry, but they did not alter the fact—and it was one they could not ignore—that there were many houses contiguous to the borough boundary, and that the Commissioners must report thereon.

Sir *Lucius Curtis* showed to the Commissioners, on a map of his own, the boundaries of the borough in the direction of Hilsea and Wymering; and the Commissioners then proceeded to take evidence with regard to Gosport.

The Rev. *T. Walpole*, rector of Alverstoke, stated that a meeting of the inhabitants of the parish, convened by the magistrates, had been held at Gosport, and at that public meeting a committee was appointed to draw up a statement to be presented to the Commissioners, which, he (Mr. Walpole) believed, expressed the almost unanimous view of the meeting with respect to the annexation of Alverstoke to the borough of Portsmouth. He had presided at the majority of the meetings held in the parish for the last 20 years, and he had never known one at which there were so many of what were termed respectable people, although a good many of the mechanic class were also present. Every opportunity was given to anyone present to express his opinions, and one of the householders did so; but his objection was not so much to the annexation of Gosport to Portsmouth, as it was to the Reform Bill, which gave a household suffrage, not being extended to the county. Some time last year there was a meeting held for the purpose of taking some steps in order to secure a representative for Gosport, when several committee meetings were held, and the opinion was then unanimous against the annexation of Gosport to Portsmouth. He mentioned this as confirmatory of the statement of the committee. As the Commissioners had referred to the public prints, he (Mr. Walpole) would assure them that, both at the public meeting and at those of the committee, he had distinctly stated that the object of the Assistant Commissioners was to report to the Commissioners with respect to the expediency or non-expediency of annexing certain places which were seemingly contiguous to Portsmouth. In drawing up the statement, therefore, the minds of the committee were entirely disengaged from any preconceived notions on the subject—

Mr. *Payne*.] We have no opinions at all, either one way or the other.

The Rev. *T. Walpole*.] As there was some prospective idea with regard to the municipal boundaries—

Mr. *Payne* wished to be distinctly understood that there was no connection whatever between the present and any inquiry that might take place with regard to the municipal boundaries.



boundaries. So far from there being any connection between the two, a large number of towns in 1832 adopted for municipal purposes different boundaries from those which had been adopted for Parliamentary purposes.

The Rev. *T. Walpole* then read the statement prepared by the committee, which stated that the area of Alverstoke was 4,000 acres, extending upwards of four miles, and bordering on the parish of Fareham. According to the census of 1861, the population of Gosport within the lines was 7,789, and in the liberty part of the parish was 14,864, making a total of 22,653, showing an increase of 6,251 since 1851. The total number of houses in the parish was 3,827. There were eight churches, one Catholic chapel, and 10 dissenting places of worship. It was contended that the interests of Gosport were entirely distinct from those of Portsmouth, there being separate magistrates, boards of commissioners, police, railways, steamboats, &c.; and the committee relied strongly on the fact that the annexation of Gosport to Portsmouth would involve the abolition of the Small Tenements Act, stating that there were 1,928 tenements compounded for, which would involve a loss to the parish of 42*l.* each quarter, or 168*l.* annually, and this with a salary of 80*l.* a year for an additional rate collector, would be a loss of 250*l.* a year. They also urged that the water was the most natural, distinct, and complete boundary of Portsmouth.

Mr. *Payne* asked whether Mr. Walpole considered that one of the chief reasons for opposing the annexation was, that the extension of the municipal would necessarily or probably follow that of the Parliamentary borough?

The Rev. *T. Walpole* thought it was certainly one incident in the consideration, though he did not think it had very great weight. He had always represented that the two cases were entirely distinct, and that it was a mistake to suppose that the Government intended to connect the one with the other. He admitted that some had been of opinion that the annexation of Gosport to Portsmouth might also increase the extent of the parish, and that thereby the rates, which were now 4*s.* 6*d.* in the pound, might be materially increased; but he believed that the general opinion of the parish was, that there was no sort of social, fiscal, or financial interest common to the two places. Had the opinion prevailed generally that there was no connection between the Parliamentary and municipal boroughs, and that this inquiry had no reference to the extension of the latter, he believed that the meeting at Gosport would still have been as large. The Small Tenements Act, he believed, had been of the greatest advantage to the parish, and the general feeling was opposed to its abolition. There was certainly an identity of circumstances with Portsmouth, but he did not think that there was an identity of interests. Gosport was an important town, even in the reign of Elizabeth, when a decree was issued from the Court of Exchequer granting them the right of ferry. The first part of the statement in the "Post Office Directory," that "four hundred years back Gosport was but an insignificant village, consisting of a few fishing huts, but had risen to importance as an appendage to Portsmouth," he believed to be an extravagant assertion, and the latter part to be inaccurate. Alverstoke had increased every census, whereas Gosport had not increased at all. Had they not had Government departments at Gosport at all, and entirely free trade, he believed that Gosport would have been as important a place as it is now, and the same remark, he believed, would apply to Portsmouth, which would have been as great a commercial as it is now a naval port. The Clarence Victualling Yard was transferred from Portsmouth to Gosport, he understood, in 1826, and he believed there were now 300 persons employed there.

The *Commissioners* having remarked that the narrowest part of Portsmouth Harbour was about the length of Waterloo Bridge, called the attention of the rector to the fact that, according to the Ordnance map, it appeared that the harbour really did not divide Gosport from Portsmouth, but that the two lakes, with the whole of the harbour, were included within the borough of Portsmouth, adding that the Parliamentary and municipal borough extended up to high-water mark at ordinary tides, and that in the event of land being reclaimed and built upon, the occupier of a house would have a vote for the borough. The rector expressed his astonishment at the statement with regard to the lakes, the general opinion being that they were in the parish of Alverstoke. He also stated that for the census returns the ships on the Gosport side were always included in that parish, while those on the Portsmouth side went to Portsmouth. The bulk of the population was connected by habit and occupation with the harbour of Portsmouth, and he attributed the immense addition to the population of Alverstoke in 10 years—from 16,000 to 22,000—almost entirely to the fortifications to be built at Spithead, and the Government works on that side of the water. Some of the working population at Gosport worked in the dockyards at Portsmouth, but he did not think the number was increasing.

They had nearly 400 freehold tenements in the parish, the holders of all of which would have county votes, but four-fifths of whom had occupations under 12*l.*

The rector was examined at great length with regard to the interests and connections of the two places, but adhered to his opinion that neither socially, fiscally, nor financially, were they similar.

The Mayor of Portsmouth disagreed with the rector of Alverstoke that there "was little social intercourse between the two places."

Mr. *Payne*.] Are you of opinion that there is a good deal?

The Mayor thought both places were very willing to assist each other. Some years ago he himself had the pleasure of proposing Mr. Hoskins as mayor of the borough, and he was elected. He added that, in his opinion, the people of Portsmouth were entirely opposed to the annexation of Gosport, though not from the same feeling as some of the remarks of



Portsmouth.

Mr. Walpole would lead them to surmise, the feeling of the inhabitants of Portsmouth being of a more social character than they had received credit for.

The Rev. *T. Walpole* thought he might, in a word, explain the feeling of the inhabitants of Gosport, with regard to the annexation. They feared that by it they should lose their individuality.

Mr. *John Carter*, of Privett, said he appeared individually before the Commissioners as favourable to the annexation; but he believed if the great bulk of the inhabitants of Gosport thoroughly understood the question, they would agree with him. The interests of the inhabitants of Portsmouth and Gosport were identical, a considerable number of pensioners and persons in the employ of the Government being in both towns; and it did not follow that because tradesmen were rivals, that therefore their interests should not be the same. He argued that if the annexation did not take place, the effect would be that the population of Gosport would entirely swamp the agricultural districts, which properly belonged to the county. He did not disguise his desire that the small tenement holders should be abolished, in order that the county electors might be strengthened. If Alverstoke remained a part of South Hants, the majority of the electors would have more the character of a borough than a county constituency. South Hants would, in fact, be a large borough. He believed that local interests would be better represented by being added to Portsmouth, as Gosport would have a share both in the borough and county representation. The greater portion of the persons who attended the meeting at Gosport were probably under the impression that they would have to share in the fiscal burdens of Portsmouth, and that their rates would be increased. He believed that although the union might not be a marriage for love, yet it would be one of expediency, and political marriages were seldom connected with love. (A laugh.)

Mr. *Dolman* thought it would be the marriage of a young lady with a decrepid old man. (Renewed laughter.)

Mr. *Carter* believed many of the parishioners thought Gosport ought to have a Member of its own, and that the chance of obtaining one would be less if it were annexed to Portsmouth. They were also of opinion that they should have to pay increased rates; and these were, he thought, the two reasons which had induced them to oppose the annexation. A large proportion of the inhabitants, he thought, were under the impression that the extension of the Parliamentary would also be an extension of the municipal boundary. If they had been assured that the change would not involve that of the municipal boundary, there would not, he thought, have been so large a meeting.

Mr. *Newlyn*.] Don't you think that Fareham ought to be added to the borough of Portsmouth?

Mr. *Carter* thought it should be.

Mr. *Horn* said the communication between Gosport and Portsmouth had sometimes been cut off, but he had never known that between Fareham and Portsmouth.

Mr. *Carter*, in reply to questions put through the Commissioners, said that he held up his hand at the meeting against the resolution.

Mr. *Eddiss*, the secretary of the Portsmouth Reform League, said he was surprised at the remarks which had been made by the gentlemen from Gosport, though they had very little acquaintance with the working men. As a joiner he had worked in the Clarence-yard, Haslar Hospital, and the various Government departments on that side of the water. He had therefore been connected with the working men, and he believed the majority were in favour of the annexation to Portsmouth. Many did not like it, because they thought it would be a bar to their obtaining a Member of their own. The other objection was that they believed the annexation would involve a large increase in the rates. He believed that if these two objections were removed, a large number of the working classes would be favourable to the annexation. He believed their interests were identical. It was true they had a different population at Gosport to what they had at Portsmouth, but the large majority of the artisans depended on the Government for support. There was, too, a good deal of communication between the working classes of the two places, and between 40 and 50 went over from Portsmouth to work at Gosport, while some came over from Gosport to work here.

Mr. *H. D. P. Cunningham* said there were two yards for the building of yachts at Gosport, and in this respect the interests of the two places were not identical. The yachts, too, were laid up in Haslar-creek during the winter, and the captains lived at Gosport.

Mr. *Horn*, the secretary of the Portsmouth Ratepayer's Association, stated that there had been a meeting of the representatives of the whole of the wards in this borough at his house a few evenings ago, and the unanimous opinion was against the annexation. The only reason, he believed, why there was not a larger attendance was because the inhabitants thought it too preposterous a suggestion to be seriously proposed.

After some further conversation the inquiry was adjourned until this (Saturday) morning, at 11 o'clock.

## RESUMED INQUIRY before the ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

*The Annexation of Gosport to Portsmouth.*

THE Assistant Boundary Commissioners (Lientenant Colonel Biddulph and Mr. J. Horne Payne) resumed their inquiry at the Guildhall, Portsmouth, on Saturday morning. Among those present, were—The Mayor of Portsmouth, Mr. Alderman Stigant, the Town Clerk (Mr. J. Howard), Messrs. E. Hoskins, A. Hellard, Horn, Newlyn, Crook, Batchelor, Smith (of Gosport), &c., the attendance being much less than on the previous day.

Mr. Horn, of High-street, Portsmouth, said, when the Commissioners adjourned on the previous day, he was expressing to them the feeling of the inhabitants of Portsmouth generally on the subject of the annexation, and he then stated, that besides being an overseer of the parish and a member of the town council, he held the office of honorary secretary of the Ratepayer's Association, and that a number of the representatives of the different wards of the town had recently held a meeting at his house, when he had an opportunity of ascertaining their opinions. Among the reasons urged against the annexation was, that the number of representatives of the borough would thereby be practically lessened. The borough of Portsmouth had of late rapidly increased in population, by the large watering place of Southsea.

Mr. Payne.] More rapidly than Gosport?

Mr. Horn.] Tenfold more.

Mr. Newlyn said the census in 1831 was about 50,000.

Mr. Horn said that in 1861 the population of Portsea Island was 94,000, and taking the increase since that time in the same ratio, the population was now something like 110,000.

Mr. Payne said according to the Registrar General's returns, the population was 108,705.

Mr. Horn said persons living on the spot conceived that there had been a large addition of late. There had been a vast increase in the number of houses. That was his opinion, and no person in the borough had perhaps devoted more attention to this subject, for he had had to make several speeches of late on the poor rates. They also thought, that as a Bill had been obtained for a branch line to Southsea, it would add an impetus to the erection of houses in that watering-place. They further considered that as the average of Members to the population was throughout the United Kingdom 1 to every 50,000, and in the boroughs 1 to 25,000, the borough of Portsmouth was rather under than over represented by two Members to more than 100,000 inhabitants. To separate Gosport from Alverstoke, too, there must be a rending asunder of natural ties.

Colonel Biddulph thought they had sufficient evidence on the previous day with regard to Gosport; and Mr. Payne thought Mr. Horn would probably be more qualified to state what was the opinion of the people of Portsmouth than those of Gosport.

Mr. Horn said he had some knowledge of Gosport, and, so far as he was concerned, he was averse to the rending asunder of Gosport and Alverstoke. He was not in a position to state what was the proportion of the agricultural population, but it was set down in the Poor Law Board returns as 1·6. His opinion was, that Gosport and Alverstoke should go together in Parliamentary representation, and to separate them would be like separating some parts of Portsmouth from Portsmouth. He believed that Gosport depended for its support to a great extent on Alverstoke and Anglesea. Alverstoke, he believed, would soon be no longer a suburban, but an urban locality. Alverstoke and the other districts in the parish, making a total population of 27,000, would, in his opinion, be too large to add to Portsmouth, and especially as the latter was at the present time rather under-represented. He thought that the fact that the population of the parish was 27,000 could not fail to draw the attention of the Legislature, and secure for it at least one representative, whereas if joined to Portsmouth the probabilities would be less.

Mr. Payne.] Do you know how many large towns there are in the north of England, and how many villages adjoining London, which have no direct representative?

Mr. Horn said he was stating the feeling at Portsmouth and Gosport.

Mr. Payne.] When you state that such and such is the feeling, how do you come to know that?

Mr. Horn said at the meeting to which he had referred, there was naturally a conservation on the subject of the suggested annexation, and these were the opinions then expressed. What would follow was rather his own opinion on what he had heard on the previous day. He thought that if Gosport owed its existence and maintenance to its being connected with the port of Portsmouth, but if it were good for so much, it was good for something more.

Mr. Payne.] Do you agree that it derives its sustenance from the port of Portsmouth?

Mr. Horn said to a certain extent it did; but he did not agree with a statement in "Allen's History of Portsmouth," to the effect that in the reign of Henry VIII. it merely contained the huts of a few fishermen, and that it owed the great increase in its trade and population to its vicinity to Portsmouth. Mr. Horn handed in a list of the tolls paid by vessels at Fareham to the chamberlain of the borough of Portsmouth, between September 1866 and September 1867, from which it appeared that the amount was 20 £. 5 s., 180 vessels having contributed to that sum. The population of the Fareham Union was 14,064, which, he presumed, included Portchester, Fareham, and other places on the northern part of the harbour. He also contended that if any portion contiguous to the harbour ought to be included in the borough of Portsmouth, Fareham also ought to be.



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*Mr. Payne.*] Does it depend for its support as much on the harbour and Government establishments as Gosport does?

*Mr. Horn* said it depended on the harbour, but not on the Government establishments. There were many large firms who sent their travellers to Portsmouth, and he believed Fareham did more trade here than Gosport did. Fareham depended for its support on the harbour and the country round. He could not say that any ships went up to Fareham, except for the town and the neighbourhood. He (*Mr. Horn*) had himself obtained butter and bacon from Fareham, and on an average once a fortnight perhaps. Messrs. Boorn and Harris sent a traveller to Portsmouth, and supplied Portsmouth with butter and cheese to a large extent. Fareham was nearer to Portsmouth by natural communication than Gosport was. The floating bridge was established in 1840, but the communication was sometimes cut off. He could not say that this had taken place six times, but he had been unable to send goods twice within three years. He had heard of the bridge being stopped several times through stress of weather and the snapping of the chains.

The *Mayor* stated, in reply to the Commissioners, that to the best of his belief, "*Allen's History of Portsmouth*" was a faithful account, and one to be depended upon. He was informed that 30 years ago, the boundaries of the borough were gone over by the authorities rowing round in a boat, and touching the boundaries with an oar. The Admiral Superintendent, he believed, did this every year. The same class of trade, he thought, was carried on at Gosport as at Portsmouth, but he was sorry that any remark he might have made at a previous sitting of the Commissioners should have given any offence on the other side of the water. He merely meant that there was more laid out in connection with the Government establishments on this than on the other side of the water, and that it was therefore more flourishing. Portsmouth was the first place in which there were Government establishments. He, himself, remembered the time when the Victualling-yard was at Portsmouth. The Government establishments had spread over to Gosport within his time. He thought the statement in the "*Post Office Directory*," that Gosport had "risen in importance, in consequence of being an appendage to Portsmouth," was correct. Fareham was a different class of trade altogether to that of Gosport and Portsmouth. The class of people was also different, although it was true that there was a large number of retired officers there. There was a large number of gentry in the neighbourhood, who spent a good deal of money in the town. There were no Government establishments there. He certainly did not think there was more business connection between Portsmouth and Fareham, than there was between Portsmouth and Gosport. It was true there were some wholesale dealers at Fareham, but he might as well say that he supplied Paris or Constantinople, as to say that they supplied Portsmouth. So far as he was concerned, he could say that he had some first-class customers at Gosport. He did not think that Fareham was nearer to Portsmouth by communication than Gosport, because it took half an hour to go to Fareham, but only 10 minutes to go to Gosport. If the floating-bridge were to stop, he should go in a boat to Gosport. His opinion was, that the floating-bridge was one of the greatest benefits to Gosport.

*Mr. Payne.*] What was the mode of communication before?

The *Mayor.*] When I was a young man, and used to go to see a lady friend (a laugh), I used to go all the way round—14 miles there, and 14 back. There are now 200 licensed watermen on the ferry, and if only half of these be reckoned as harbour licenses, it will show that there is a great deal of communication between the two places. There is a very large communication by the floating-bridges, which carries passengers, horses, carriages, &c.

The *Town Clerk* expressed his opinion that the Ordnance map used by the Commissioners was accurate. He was aware that the borough boundaries included the whole of the harbour, and up to the high-water mark on the Gosport side, so that any house built on the foreshore would be within the borough of Portsmouth, and would give a vote to the borough. The practice was formerly for a boat to go round, and to touch the boundaries with an oar, to claim jurisdiction on behalf of the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses.

*Mr. W. Batchellor*, of Queen-street, stated that he had been in the habit of carrying on trade at Gosport for 20 years, calling on 50 or 60 persons at Gosport regularly every week. During this time, he had not been delayed by the floating-bridge more than twice; and during the last seven years, he believed there had been scarcely any interruption of the communication. The impression among the shopkeepers was, that if joined to the Parliamentary borough of Portsmouth, they would be municipally, and that all the expenses incurred by Portsmouth for drainage works would be shared by them. He had likewise been the chairman of a public meeting at Gosport during the late agitation for reform, and he found that the Gosport people were quite as enthusiastic as in any other town in England. He believed the working portion of the community of Gosport were willing to join Portsmouth rather than not be represented, as they knew they would be if they were not so joined. The objection amongst the small shopkeepers to be joined to Portsmouth arose, he believed, from the anxiety lest they should be joined municipally; and if they were clear that the municipal boundary would not be extended, he thought a good many of the working population would be favourable to the annexation.

*Mr. Hoskins* asked if *Mr. Batchellor* could name two or three shopkeepers who knew Gosport well, on whom he had waited?

*Mr. Batchellor* said he could name a good many.

*Mr. Hoskins.*] Well, will you do so?

*Mr. Batchellor* said he was not going to name people so that *Mr. Hoskins* might go over there and put the screw on. (Laughter).

*Mr.*



Mr. *Hoskins* said he was not a screw-driver—(renewed laughter)—but it appeared strange, that if Mr. *Batchellor* knew so many people there, he refused to mention one of them.

Mr. *Batchellor* was examined as to the communication between Portsmouth and Gosport, and stated that it was very seldom cut off. When the double-fare flag was hoisted, it simply meant that two men were to man the boats instead of one.

Mr. *E. Hoskins* said, that when the floating-bridge was stopped, it was generally in the months of November and March, in consequence of the high tides and wind. The bridge stopped in order to avoid the danger of the snapping of the chains. By the terms of their Act, the company were bound to maintain the ferry, and when one bridge was out of order, they were bound to use the other. Legally, they were bound to provide a ferry, although they had never yet been called on to do so.

Mr. *J. Crook* stated that on one occasion the interruption lasted some days.

Mr. *Horn* said he had ascertained that during the last year there were six interruptions from stress of weather alone, and three during the last three years from the breaking of machinery, one of which lasted five days. These facts he had ascertained from the authorities at the bridge.

The *Commissioners* asked if anyone else wished to give evidence?

There being no reply,

Mr. Alderman *Stigant* asked if the views of the Commissioners were favourable to the annexation of the whole of the parish?

Mr. *Payne*.] We have no views at present.

Mr. Alderman *Stigant* said he was merely anxious to ascertain whether their views were confined to the town of Gosport, or extended to the parish of Alverstoke.

Mr. *Payne* thought the Commissioners must not state their views, except to those to whom they had to report.

Colonel *Biddulph* said the evidence went to show that Alverstoke was, with the exception of Gosport, agricultural.

Mr. Alderman *Stigant* said that was the view he had formed.

Mr. *Payne*.] And, of course, the object is to include as little agricultural land as possible.

The inquiry then terminated about one o'clock.

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#### OBSERVATIONS of the "Hants Telegraph" on the Commissioners' Award.

##### *The Boundary Question.*

THOSE who run after analogies are likely very often to run into absurdities. It was through a propensity to see resemblances where none existed which led Bacon to think pepper and fire identical because both were hot; and which induced the country bumpkin to controvert the astronomical theory of the moon, because of its similarity to a piece of old Cheshire. The Assistant Boundary Commissioners have committed a like mistake from a like cause. They believed in analogies, and thought they discerned them where less confirmed theorists saw nothing but broad distinctions. As a scientific speculation the study of homologies is well enough, and even in science it has led to many serious blunders, but it will never do in the world when applied to such subjects as boundaries and franchises. In botany it has conducted to the identification of the flower with the leaf of a plant, and in physiology to the connection between the brain and the spinal column; but with regard to the relations between borough and borough, and county and borough, it can only tend to mislead. Many of the eccentricities recorded in the recommendations of the Boundary Commissioners are no doubt due to the exigencies of their position, and many also to the bias which underlay their instructions. Had no political object been involved, the question of boundaries might have been easily settled by a mere rectification of frontiers, from which increased distinctness of separation would have resulted. This plan could not, indeed, have been universally carried out without inflicting in some cases great hardship; but with a few exceptions it might have been adopted with beneficial results. The Commissioners, however, on the other hand, have pursued a diametrically opposite policy, and have admitted no exceptions whatever. Instead of lopping off the tendrils of overgrown and straggling boroughs, and forming new and vigorous constituencies out of the *débris*, they have recommended a series of annexations and amalgamations, the practical effect of which can only be to make confusion worse confounded, and to exacerbate previously existing grievances. We have already stated that the Boundary Commissioners were to a certain extent hampered by their instructions, but they are wholly responsible for the indiscriminating manner in which they have obeyed them. Through all their inconsistencies there is apparent a consistent attempt to eliminate the vigorous centres of population out of the counties, and unite them with neighbouring boroughs. They have abolished rivers and annihilated mountains, ludicrously unconscious of the worth of the well-marked "boundaries" which nature had prepared to their hands. They seem to have proceeded, indeed, on the plan which Sir Charles Lyall found so satisfactory in his geological explorations in America and

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elsewhere. Having discovered the same kind of "rocks" to exist on both sides of a river in the same order of superimposition, they thenceforth concluded that the river was a mere accident of nature, and that the strata was essentially unbroken. Most persons would have thought that the boundary of the borough of Portsmouth could not have been better defined than by the harbour, and that Gosport, with its separate bench of magistrates, police organisation, and board of commissioners, was, in every sense, a distinct community. But Lieutenant Colonel Biddulph and Mr. Horne Payne were far too ingenious to be imposed upon by such specious grounds as these. They had investigated the littoral "formations" on both sides of the harbour, and had discovered that the points of resemblance between the two populations were exceedingly numerous. To quote the words of Lieutenant Colonel Biddulph, "In the examination of the borough, the Commissioners found that there were a large number of houses actually adjoining the borough boundary, and their duty was to inquire whether there was an identity of interests between this place (Gosport) and Portsmouth." Such a line of inquiry was simply ridiculous on the face of it, because it supposed that between two towns so closely connected there could possibly exist a sharply defined line of demarcation. The distance between them is much too circumscribed to expect to find whites on one side of the harbour and mulattos on the other. But of course the Commissioners found all that they desired. They ascertained that while Portsmouth depended almost exclusively on the Government establishments, Gosport depended on the same milch cow, *plus* Portsmouth. Hence, they reasoned, there was an identity of interest between the two places. Had there been no harbour interposed between them, they would in all probability have been united under one municipal government. Nay, as the boundary of Portsmouth extended as far as high water mark on the Gosport side, and included the two neighbouring lakes, the Commissioners eventually came to the conclusion that there existed no separation at all. But mark the extreme lengths to which they carried their topographical synchronism. Because they found that a house erected on land reclaimed from the tide, and consequently within the municipal limits of Portsmouth, would naturally give its owner a vote for the borough, they recommended that Gosport, Forton and Camden Town, Newtown and Bury, and Hardway—places which have no connection with Portsmouth at all beyond a fanciful one of alleged identity of interest—should be annexed. On the same ground they might have recommended the absorption of Spain, because this country happens to possess Gibraltar! They abolished a boundary, in short, which was apparent to the eye, and which everybody could understand, and formed another of the most whimsical and straggling character, the line of which resembles the tortuous attempts of a thief to evade the pursuit of the police. With a blind regard for uniformity the Commissioners recommended a similar extension of the Parliamentary boundaries of Newport in the Isle of Wight, and for the same reason, *viz.*, because the borough included the River Medina with its foreshores. But there is a great difference between attaching places like East and West Cowes to a borough, the whole population of which does not reach 3,000, and increasing the constituency of Portsmouth, already insufficiently represented, by the addition of a district containing a population of 16,000. Whatever impropriety there may be in absorbing East and West Cowes, there can be no question of the great wrong and inconvenience which would attend the contemplated extension of the boundaries of Portsmouth. What the circumstances of the case demand is the enfranchisement of the parish of Alverstoke; and it is because it will indefinitely postpone this consummation, because it will weaken the representation of Portsmouth, and because the amalgamation can never be regarded as more than a temporary make-shift, to be got rid of at the first opportunity, that the proposal of the Boundary Commissioners should be emphatically repudiated. The only objection which can possibly be urged against the incorporation of Gosport is, that the ratepaying clauses of the Reform Bill would press hardly upon the 1,928 tenements at present compounded for, and involve an annual loss to the parish of something like 250*l.*; but there can be little doubt that the clauses in question will soon be obliterated, if not by the present, at all events by the next Parliament. The apathy with which the public regard this subject of annexation is astounding, more especially as the municipal boundary would eventually become co-extensive with the Parliamentary boundary. Speaking in the Portsmouth Guildhall, in October last, Lieutenant Colonel Biddulph said that they, the Commissioners, did not wish it to be believed that they had broached a question hostile to the wishes of the population. "Those wishes," he added, "would no doubt have great weight, and would form a very prominent feature in the inquiry, but they did not alter the fact, and it was one they could not ignore, that there were many houses contiguous to the borough boundaries, and that the Commissioners must report thereon." From these words the public might have learned not only that the recommendations of the Commissioners were likely to be, but what was the proper method to pursue to stultify them. Yet there has not been a single meeting called to consider the question since the Commissioners concluded their inquiry, and, so far as we remember, only one (at Gosport) previously. The time is now approaching when the recommendations will come up for final consideration. The local members, we know, will do their utmost to prevent them being carried into force, but without the support of their constituents their efforts are likely to prove unavailing. They are representatives only, and until means have been taken to testify what the opinions of the electors really are, their action in the matter cannot be attended with much practical effect.



## PUBLIC MEETING at Portsmouth on the Annexation.

*The proposed Annexation of Gosport to Portsmouth.*

ON Thursday, a public meeting, convened by the mayor, was held in the Beneficial Society's Hall, Portsea, for the purpose of enabling the inhabitants to express their views with regard to the proposed annexation, for Parliamentary purposes, of Gosport to Portsmouth. There were about 200 persons present. The mayor (R. E. Davies, Esq.) presided; and among those present were Mr. Alderman Sheppard, Messrs. John Howard, T. Edgcombe, C. Cole, W. H. Dore, T. Cousins, J. Baker, W. Batchellor, T. Hinton, G. Titheradge, Dr. Kealny (Gosport), &c.

The Mayor, in opening the proceedings, said they were all aware for what purpose the meeting had been called together. He could not congratulate the meeting on the attendance, especially considering the importance of the subject of which they had met to consider; yet he thought it was sufficiently representative in its character to enable them to express the views of their brother townsmen, with reference to the proposed annexation of Gosport to Portsmouth. They would all remember that he recently invited the attention of the town council to the question, upon the receipt of letters from their borough Members, upon which occasion several gentlemen expressed an opinion that the proposed annexation was undesirable; but to some extent the question appeared to be treated with a certain amount of indifference, and it so happened that, by a curious coincidence, there was an exact balance of feeling, and, upon a shrewd member challenging the votes, the resolution was lost. However, he felt called upon, notwithstanding that the resolution was lost, to call a public meeting; and, now that the meeting was convened, he should be very pleased to hear an expression of opinion from any gentleman with regard to the annexation. Their friends at Gosport had already considered the question, and had resolved to oppose the annexation, one of the principal arguments urged by them being that they were of sufficient importance to have a representative of their own, and he believed that so far as this borough was concerned, there was no desire to interfere in any way with an arrangement to secure for Gosport a separate representative. (Applause.)

Mr. Alderman Sheppard desired to correct one little inadvertence to which the mayor had given expression. While the resolution to which his worship had referred was not lost, it was not carried, and this occurred, if the mayor would allow him to say so, in this way: The Municipal Act requires that the majority of the members—or, in other words, more than one-half of those present—must vote for a resolution, or it was otherwise lost. In this case there was an equal number on either side; but he thought that many who did not vote for the resolution were influenced not so much by indifference, because he believed that if the members to whom he referred had considered it desirable to express an opinion at all, the resolution would have been carried. He believed that out of doors it was the general opinion of politicians of all shades that the proposed amalgamation was not desirable. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. W. H. Dore, in rising to propose the first resolution, said he was pleased to be present that evening, although he could have wished that upon such an important question there had been a much larger attendance. In his opinion the mayor had acted perfectly right in convening a public meeting of the inhabitants, after the lukewarm manner in which the subject had been received in the town council. (Hear.) He was fully of opinion that the proposed annexation was altogether unnecessary; and he had good reasons for stating that it was as distasteful to the people of Gosport as it was to those of Portsmouth. (Hear.) He understood that the question was coming on that evening in the House of Commons; but he believed that if they strengthened the hands of their borough and county Members, they would be able to defeat the measure. He trusted that he should live to see the day when Gosport would have a representative, which, from its importance, ought to have one; but it was beside the question to say that it should be tacked on to a large borough-like Portsmouth. (Hear, hear.) He considered that the proposed annexation was nothing more nor less than a subterfuge to deprive Gosport of ever having a representative of its own. However, from information which had come to his knowledge, he had every reason to believe that the Boundary Bill, so far as Portsmouth and Gosport were concerned, would be thrown out. This, he believed, was the general wish of the inhabitants of both places. He concluded by proposing—"That this meeting is of opinion that the proposed annexation of Gosport to Portsmouth is uncalled for and unnecessary, and invites the Members for the borough and county to give it their most strenuous opposition."

Mr. J. Baker had much pleasure in seconding the resolution, and endorsed all that had fallen from Mr. Dore. He was not of the opinion expressed by Mr. Alderman Sheppard with reference to the notions of those in the council who declined to vote for the resolution when the subject was brought under their consideration, because it was somewhat singular that, with but one exception, the whole of those who had not supported the resolution were those whose sympathies leant towards the party from whom the alteration emanated. (Hear, hear.) In fact, those very gentlemen who were so loud in exclaiming against allowing political prejudices to interfere with their debates were, in a very remarkable way, attracted to each other. (Hear, and laughter.) He did not blame the Conservative party for the course they took, because while the Liberals could gain nothing by the annexation of

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Gosport, the Conservatives might gain their seats. (Hear, hear.) He denounced the proposal to attach so large a population as that of Gosport to Portsmouth as a political fraud, criticised the action of the Government in reference to the question, and said, although Lord Eversley and Sir Francis Crossley were appointed to protect the Liberal interest, it appeared, as far as he could detect from the papers, that the Liberal interest had not been sufficiently cared for. (Hear, hear.) He urged that the Government had committed a political fraud, because they had not instructed the Commissioners to limit overgrown boroughs, and he objected, looking at the question in the widest and most unselfish sense, that the borough would be so far disfranchised. If the annexation took place, theirs would be a borough altogether out of proportion with the other boroughs of the country. What could they expect but a "tinkered, patched, and incomplete" Reform Bill of 10 minutes' growth? (A laugh.) There was little or no principle in the settlement of the boundaries. The small boroughs had not been at all extended so as to have a really town population, but, as in the case of Gosport, efforts were being made to attach to an already overgrown constituency, a very large constituency that would be taken out of the county, and a large Liberal element would thus be taken therefrom. He expressed a hope that the question would be referred to a Select Committee of the House of Commons, ridiculed the idea of a lawyer and a colonel of engineers being allowed summarily to change their social and political arrangements, and said he hoped their members would insist upon the incompetence of such a tribunal. If an election cost both sides 8,000 £, and Gosport were added, it would then cost them 11,000 £. He hoped authority would be given to the mayor, on behalf of the town, to take steps to obtain a fair and full hearing before the Select Committee, and he had very little doubt that in that case Gosport would not be annexed to Portsmouth.

Mr. W. Smith, of Gosport, also expressed himself opposed to the annexation, remarking that the object, no doubt, was to keep some 800 town voters from the county.

The resolution was then unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Edgcombe rose to propose the next resolution, "That a petition, founded on the foregoing resolution, be agreed to, and signed by the mayor on behalf of the meeting, for presentation to the members." He thought it would be more desirable that it should be signed by the mayor than it should wait to be signed by the inhabitants. As that was a public meeting, he thought it would be quite right to have the opinions of those present expressed through the chairman. In Portsmouth there were 100,000 inhabitants, and the electors numbered 4,800 some time back. In a little time, he was sure, they would number 10,000 and if that number was not sufficient to return two Members to the House of Commons, he should very much like to know what number would be. (Hear, hear.) Portsmouth was entirely separate of herself, and the sea flowed around it, and why should not Hayling Island be joined, for the sea flowed round that? There was Portchester, Fareham, Havant, and Emsworth, and why they should ask them to take in Gosport more than these places he could not possibly conceive, for certainly they might as fairly be annexed to Portsmouth as Gosport. He hoped the hands of the borough Members would be strengthened by what had taken place that evening.

Mr. Cousins seconded the resolution. It might fairly be said that it was a part and parcel of the bungling legislation which characterised the Reform Bill which had just been passed.

Mr. Alderman Sheppard supported the resolution. There seemed to be some fault in the logic of the speakers, with reference to the political part of the question. It was said that there were 800 electors in Gosport, who would come into the county constituency, and, if the amalgamation took place, these electors would be brought into the borough of Portsmouth. They might be Liberals or Conservatives, and they would vote accordingly. If there were more Conservative electors in Gosport than there were Liberals, he could understand it; but, at present, he did not see what difference there could be in the representation. He did not think the question should be argued on political grounds, but on the ground that neither party desired the annexation. The constituency in Portsmouth was quite large enough, and he certainly thought Gosport had a just claim to a constituency of her own. (Hear, hear.) He sincerely trusted the mayor would be requested to throw all the exertion and influence at his command into the matter, and seek to prevent the consummation of that which, if it took place, would be much deplored. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Jones, in supporting the resolution, said he thought that overgrown constituencies should not be, and it would be very wrong to join Portsmouth to Gosport.

Mr. Batchelor, president of the Portsmouth Branch of the Reform League, spoke in favour of the annexation, and said that the larger the constituency the more likely they were to have pure elections. He referred to the costs incurred at elections, and said it would be a great blessing if the ballot were introduced.

Dr. Kenly, of Gosport, addressed the meeting in favour of the resolution.

Mr. Eddiss, secretary to the Portsmouth Reform League, gave his reasons for recommending the annexation to the Boundary Commissioners, and Mr. Weeks, of Gosport, spoke in favour of the annexation taking place.

The resolution was put and carried, there being only seven dissentients.

On the motion of Mr. W. H. Dore, a vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman, and the proceedings then terminated.

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## I.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

THE borough of Preston is described in Schedule (O) of the Boundary Act of 1832, as comprising:

“The old borough of Preston and the township of Fishwick.”

This area and the boundary enclosing it are coloured pink on the Ordnance map, marked E.

The municipal and Parliamentary limits were made conterminous by the Municipal Corporation Act (5 & 6 Will. 4, c. 76, Schedule A. sect. 1.) The municipal boundary is erroneously represented on the Ordnance map as including only the township of Preston.

It will be observed that there is a gap in the boundary traced on the Ordnance map on the south-western side of the borough.

The boundary is at this point undecided. The course of the Ribble became changed some years ago, so as to form the area marked “The Holm,” and it is still unsettled what part of the Holm belongs to Preston, and what to the township of Penwortham.

The borough of Preston is bounded on the north by the township of Fulwood, bordered vermilion by us on the map marked B; on the east by the township of Ribbleton, bordered light brown, the hamlet of Brockholes in the township of Grimsargh with Brockholes, bordered dark green, and the township of Cuerdale, bordered yellow; on the south by the township of Walton-le-Dale, bordered light green, and the township of Penwortham, bordered purple; and on the west by the township of Lea, Ashton, Ingol, and Cottam, bordered dark brown on the same map.

Preston is in the hundred of Amounderness, and the petty sessional district of Preston.

The corporation are the proprietors of the Preston Waterworks. Their Act obtained in 1853, extends over the borough, but they supply part of the township of Fulwood, and part of the township of Ashton, by private arrangement.

The gas supply is in the hands of “The Preston Gas Company” incorporated by an Act passed in 1861. The limits of the Act are too wide to be of assistance in this inquiry: one section, however (S. 57), deserves remark as bearing upon the community of interests between Preston and the township of Fulwood. This section enacts that the company shall not charge a higher sum for gas for the public lamps of Fulwood than they for the time being charge for the public lamps in Preston; and shall charge private consumers in Fulwood the same price as they charge private consumers in Preston, whenever the consumption in Fulwood shall exceed a certain limit. That limit has been reached, and after this year Preston and Fulwood are to be supplied at the same price.

The staple trades of the town are cotton-spinning and weaving; there are also flax mills, and worsted mills, ironworks, and waggon works. Docks are contemplated on the bank of the Ribble, but for their creation, it will be necessary to divert the river, and the requisite powers have not yet been obtained from Parliament, nor the necessary funds raised.

The Town Council in reference to our enquiry resolved that they did not desire to make any representation as to the boundaries of the borough.

Two suggestions were submitted to us—

First, that the township of Lea, Ashton, Ingol, and Cottam, four hamlets which make up the township; and the townships of Fulwood, Ribbleton, Walton-le-Dale, and Penwortham, should be included within the borough;

Or Secondly, if that area should be considered too large, that a circle should be described from the tower of the New Town-hall as a centre, with a radius of two miles, and that this circle should constitute the borough.

This circle is shown by the red line on map O. The present boundary is shown by the blue line; and the parts coloured brown on the same map, indicate buildings erected or planned both within and without the borough.

The proposer of these schemes did not represent any of the occupiers thus to be included; but having observed that the population of Preston had doubled itself every 20 years since the beginning of the century, and reached in 1861, 83,000, proposed them to provide for a constant increase in the same ratio, in whatever direction the town might extend.

We do not think it necessary to examine these schemes minutely. Both would take in extensive districts, now agricultural, and likely to remain so for some time: it is impossible in the present state of things, to foresee what will be the future extension of the borough, or in what direction extension will take place, and it would be hazardous to anticipate that any extension in proportion to that arising from the earlier growth of the cotton trade, will henceforth take place. Besides, it will be seen from map O, that after making allowance for about 150 acres laid out in parks by the corporation beyond the area coloured brown, there remains a considerable quantity of land within the borough available for building.

As to the second scheme; there is nothing in the circumstances of Preston to justify us



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in recommending so exceptional a boundary as a circular line; and the particular circle exhibits to the full the faults of such a boundary.

Preston has not increased upon all sides, and the radius has been chosen to include the most distant possible increase. The consequence is, that the circle takes in not only land unbuilt upon, but a portion of Cuerdale, an agricultural district, and on that ground omitted in the first scheme.

Taking the townships round Preston in order from the south, we have arrived at the following results regarding them:—

1. 2. The townships of Penwortham and Walton-le-Dale are separated by the river Ribble from the borough, except where Penwortham adjoins the portion of the Holm mentioned before, which is too small and peculiar to affect the question.

The Ribble forms a marked boundary.

1. The township of Penwortham is agricultural and thinly peopled, and the parts adjoining the Ribble are not suitable for building land. Penwortham is in the hundred of Leyland, and the petty sessional division of Leyland.

2. Walton-le-Dale.

A memorial was presented to us signed by 28 owners of property in the township of Walton-le-Dale, expressing their disapproval of the inclusion of any portion of Walton-le-Dale in the borough, on the ground that the district is chiefly agricultural, and that the present boundary is more definite than any other one that could be proposed.

These persons, seven of whom are females, own about seven-eighths of the property in Walton-le-Dale.

A letter to the same effect was put before us from the owner of a large property in Walton-le-Dale, and in Penwortham. This memorial and letter are appended to our reports, and marked respectively E and F.

Since our enquiry, a memorial marked G, and appended hereto, has been forwarded to us from a public meeting of inhabitants of the township of Walton-le-Dale, expressing the regret of the memorialists at the opposition to extension offered by the above owners of property in Walton-le-Dale without consulting the occupiers, and stating that a misapprehension has been fostered in the township that Parliamentary incorporation would be followed by municipal incorporation, and that the memorialists finding this to be a misapprehension, pray that they may not be excluded from the borough of Preston, of which all but in name, Walton-le-Dale, or at least a great part of it, may be said to form part.

The township of Walton-le-Dale is much larger than the borough of Preston, as it contains about 4,600 acres, while the borough of Preston contains about 2,800 acres. In 1861 the borough contained about 82,900 and Walton-le-Dale contained about 7,300 persons. The township of Walton-le-Dale cannot therefore be said to form part of Preston. It is a township in most parts thinly peopled, with three thriving villages, Walton, Bamber Bridge, and Moon's Mill. Bamber Bridge and Moon's Mill are too far from Preston, and too distinct to have any claim to form part of Preston. Walton is situate on the southern side of the bridge over the Ribble joining Walton-le-Dale to Preston. The village is about a quarter of a mile from the bridge, but the line of houses begins at the bridge. The village is increasing; there is a cotton mill in it, and a cotton shed is about to be built. Some of the workpeople of the mill live in Preston. The village is not, however, an outgrowth of Preston, but an ancient place, agricultural as well as manufacturing. It is in the hundred of Blackburn, and the petty sessional district of Blackburn.

On referring to map O, it will be seen also that the village is not continuously connected by buildings with the town of Preston. There is a steep declivity within the borough leading down to the bridge, and the owner of the land in this part of the borough has hitherto refused to sell it for building.

Should it, however, be determined to include the village of Walton, the most convenient line for including it appears to be the blue line traced by us on map B.

The population thus added would be\* .

In this case the following words must be added to the description in Schedule (O) of the Boundary Act of 1832:—"And the part of the township of Walton-le-Dale, included between the boundary of the township of Fishwick, and a line from the point at which the river Darwen meets the boundary of the township of Fishwick, thence eastward along the river Darwen to the point at which the same meets Hennel Brook, thence southward along Hennel Brook to Hennel Bridge, thence eastward along Hennel-lane to Hennel End, thence in a straight line due east to the point at which the same meets the river Darwen, thence along the river Darwen to Knob-lane Foot-bridge; thence northward along Knob-lane to the point at which the same meets the Burscough-road, thence eastward along the Burscough-road to the point at which the same meets the boundary of the township of Cuerdale, thence westward along the boundary of the township of Cuerdale, to the point at which the same meets the boundary of the township of Fishwick."

3. The township of Ribbleson is agricultural. The area within it coloured yellow on Map O is the site of a projected freehold park; but the land is at present laid out chiefly in market gardens. The area, coloured purple, is a projected cemetery.

4. Coming to the north we have the township of Fulwood, part of which requires consideration. The population of the township is estimated at 3,000. From this number a deduction must be made for the soldiers stationed in the barracks. The number of occupiers shown by the rate-book is 220.

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\* The exact number was not obtained.



The township of Fulwood possesses a Local Board of Health, and a memorial was presented to us from the Board to this effect:—

That the Board is of opinion, from the peculiar form of the township, extending, as it does, four miles to the north-east from the town hall of Preston, that it is not desirable that the whole township should be incorporated with the Parliamentary borough.

That as the township is without any trade or manufactory requiring large numbers of operatives resident therein, no future great increase of population is likely to arise.

That after deducting ratepayers in Fulwood having borough qualifications already, the great majority of the remainder will be qualified voters under the New Act for the county.

That, taking into account the probability of the extension of the Parliamentary limits involving municipal liabilities, the Board prefers remaining outside the borough.

A resolution adopted at a vestry meeting of the inhabitants was put before us to the effect that the meeting did not think it desirable that the township, or any portion of it should be included in the borough.

This meeting was thinly attended, and we received conflicting statements, influenced obviously by personal and local feelings, as to the wishes of the inhabitants; but there can be no doubt that the desire to be left out is predominant.

The township contains 2,116 acres, of which about 45 acres lying between the Roman-road and the Borough, have been built upon to form a park, called Fulwood Park. This park is coloured brown on map O. The rest of the township consists of agricultural land, excepting the area coloured brown, to the north of the Roman-road, which is the site of the union workhouse, and extensive barracks to the east of the workhouse. During the last six years only three or four houses have been built in the township beyond Fulwood Park, and there is no prospect of increase, for the barracks and the workhouse are checks to house-building. We have, therefore, to deal with the occupiers of Fulwood Park. There are in it about 100 houses. It was stated that they are let at a rental of from 18*l.* to 80*l.*; the majority at 25*l.* to 40*l.*; and that all the occupiers except about six would be qualified as county voters under the new Act. Several of them are county voters now.

To the south of Fulwood Park lies the area called Moor Park, coloured green in map O, which has been laid out as a park for recreation by the corporation; and therefore prevents houses within the borough coming up to the edge of Fulwood Park, but forms one of the advantages derived by Fulwood Park from proximity to Preston.

The occupiers of Fulwood Park are supplied with water from Preston, and with gas, as has been stated, from and on equal terms with Preston; and in estimating the value of the present protest of the Fulwood Local Board, this fact must be considered, that, when the Gas Act was obtained, the Fulwood Local Board claimed that Fulwood was part of Preston, and thus secured the reduction of price.

These occupiers are almost all connected with Preston, being either persons who have retired from business in Preston, or persons engaged in business in Preston. Thirty-four of the present occupiers have votes for the borough on other qualifications. It seems to follow, therefore, that, by situation and other local circumstances, they must be considered as belonging to the town.

There are two methods of bringing them within the borough. One method is by adding the whole township of Fulwood. This method has the advantage of adhering to a well-known boundary, but the disadvantage of taking in agricultural land not likely to be built upon, the union workhouse, and the barracks. The other method is by adding the houses of these occupiers. They would be added by including the area coloured light blue by us on map B, which takes in all that part of the township which it seems necessary to add, if the disadvantage attending the first method is thought to justify a deviation from the township boundary.

In this case the following description will have to be added to the description given in Schedule O, of the Boundary Act of 1832:

“And the part of the township of Fulwood contained between the boundary of the old borough of Preston, and a line drawn from the point at which Deepdall-road meets the boundary of the old borough of Preston, northward to the point at which the same meets the Roman-road, thence westward along the Roman-road, to the point at which the same meets the Preston and Garstang-road, thence southward along the Preston and Garstang-road to the point at which the same meets the boundary of the old borough of Preston.”

5. To the west of the borough lies the township of Lea, Ashton, Ingol, and Cottam.

The hamlet of Ashton, which borders on the borough, contains a considerable number of cottages, most of them to the south of Tulketh Hall, and of houses of higher value in Ashton Freehold Park to the north-west of Tulketh Hall. Land is marked out for additional buildings. The population of the township is estimated to have become doubled since 1861, and to be at present about 1,800, and this increase was said to be almost entirely due to the increase in the hamlet of Ashton. Many of the occupiers in Ashton Park will have votes for the county under the new Act, but the occupiers of the cottages mentioned above will not.

There is no difference apparent between Preston and the part of Ashton adjoining it. The inhabitants of the latter belong to the town population. Some houses are partly in and partly out of the borough. It was agreed upon all sides that if an extension were made, the occupiers of this part of Ashton are the persons most entitled to be included.

There appears to us to be three methods of including them:—

First, by taking in the hamlet of Ashton. The hamlet is coloured yellow by us on map E.

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map E. This method adopts an ancient and well-known limit, but takes in land to the north of Ashton Park and to the west of the road from St. Andrew's Church, Ashton, to the willows by the river which is agricultural. It was stated that no houses have been built west of that road for several years, and that there is no probability of any being built; and that most of the occupiers have county votes already, and desire to remain county electors. These limits were pointed out by more than one person from the district as containing all the populous parts.

If these circumstances are considered to outweigh the objections to deviating from the Hamlet boundary, the populous parts might be included by a line following the road which leaves the town at Blackburn Barn, round by St. Andrew's Church, down to the willows at the river. The space thus included consists of the two areas coloured by us light blue and light brown on map B. Or again, this populous part might be included by a line following the same road from the town to St. Andrew's Church, drawn thence due north and south through the steeple of the church to the river. This line was suggested so as to exclude the houses on the road to the willows, the occupiers of which have county qualifications. The space thus included is the area coloured light blue on map B. The population and inhabited houses added by these methods respectively are estimated as follows:—

|                                                     | Population.   | Inhabited Houses. |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Hamlet of Ashton - - - - -                          | 1,280         | 214               |
| Parts coloured light blue and light brown - - - - - | 1,080         | 182               |
|                                                     | Actual Number |                   |

For the part coloured light blue a slight deduction must be made from the last estimate.

If the first of these methods is adopted, the following words must be added to the description of Schedule (O) of the Boundary Act of 1832:—

“And the Hamlet of Ashton.”

If the second method is adopted, the following words must be added:—

“And the part of the hamlet of Ashton included between the boundary of the old borough of Preston, and a line from the point at which Freckleton-road meets the boundary of the old borough of Preston, thence westward along the Freckleton-road to the point at which the same meets the road to the willows upon the river Ribble, thence southward along the same road to the willows to the point at which the same road meets the river Ribble, thence eastward along the river Ribble to the points at which the same meets the boundary of the old borough of Preston.”

If the third method is adopted, the following words must be added:—

“And the part of the hamlet of Ashton included between the boundary of the old borough of Preston, and a line from the point at which Freckleton-road meets the boundary of the old borough of Preston, thence westward along Freckleton-road to the point at which the same meets a line drawn due north and south through the spire of St. Andrew's Church, thence southward along the same line drawn due north and south through the spire of St. Andrew's Church to the point at which the same meets the river Ribble, thence eastward along the river Ribble to the point at which the same meets the boundary of the old borough of Preston.”

In these descriptions we have used the words “old borough of Preston” in order to conform to the description in Schedule (O) of the Boundary Act of 1832. The old borough consisted of the township of Preston; and should it be considered desirable, the words “old borough of Preston” might be replaced throughout by the words “township of Preston.”

*F. W. Gibbs.*  
*H. M. Hozrier.*

## 2.—PETITIONS.

PETITION of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of *Preston*.

The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Preston, in the County of Lancaster:

Humbly sheweth,

THAT the borough of Preston, according to the census of 1861, had a population of 82,985, with an area of 2,820 acres, and that the population may now be estimated at 95,000.

That the population of the borough increased between the years 1831 and 1861 in greater proportion than any other borough in Lancashire, and with two exceptions (Birkenhead and Walsall) than any city or borough in England; the increase having been at about the rate of 145 per cent., and such population is still increasing.

That practically there is little available space left for building purposes within the limits of the borough.

That entirely new districts have been laid out for building purposes, and hundreds of houses and buildings have been erected on nearly all sides of the borough beyond its present limits since 1832.

That the inhabitants of the suburbs outside the present boundary are to a great extent supplied either with gas or water, or both, from the borough of Preston, with which they are connected by community of interest.

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That the above facts are totally ignored in the Report of the Boundary Commissioners, who furthermore, in contravention of the spirit of the Act of Parliament and the instructions issued to the Assistant Commissioners, recommend that the limits of the borough should be contracted by excluding the area of the Holm, an undivided moiety of which is the property of your Petitioners.

That in the case of all other boroughs in England or Wales where no increase is recommended it is reported by the Commissioners that there is no increase of buildings outside the borough, or that the existing limits allow amply sufficient space for extension, or other valid reasons are given against further extension; but in the case of Preston alone no reasons are stated, nor is any information given to Parliament either as to the circumstances of the locality or the changes which have taken place since 1832.

That, in places far below Preston with regard to population, and yet with far greater space for building purposes within existing boundaries, still further additions are recommended, and in one instance (Kidderminster), although the population has decreased since 1831, and with ample room for new buildings within the limits of the borough, still further additions beyond the existing boundary are recommended.

That in some instances the Commissioners recommend the addition of places of ancient standing outside existing boundaries, there being ample room left for extension within the boundaries, in others of places newly erected, and in some instances of places merely existing in contemplation; and your Petitioners respectfully represent to your Honourable House that on all these grounds the claim for an extension of the boundaries of the borough of Preston is capable of being substantiated.

That in the hamlet of Ashton, on the north-west side of the borough, streets have been laid out and numerous houses of all classes have been erected within the last few years, and so immediately connected with Preston, that on the same side of the same street some of the houses are in Preston and others in Ashton, and in some cases are partly in one and partly in the other, and the occupiers consist almost entirely of persons engaged in business within the borough. A cotton mill has also been erected, the labour in which is principally supplied from Preston.

That in the township of Fulwood, which is conterminous with the northern boundary of the borough for its entire length, numerous houses of the better class, inhabited by a town population, have been erected close to the boundary within the last 15 years, and a large cavalry and infantry barracks and the new workhouse are situated in this township within a few yards of the boundary.

That the township of Walton-le-Dale, bounding the borough on the south side for upwards of a mile and a half, contained in 1861 a population of 7,383, and several cotton mills and manufactories have been erected, many of the operatives employed in which reside in the borough, and many of the residents in Walton are likewise employed within the borough, and there is a strong community of interest between the two populations.

That in the township of Penwortham, in the south and south-west of the borough, many villa residences have been erected, as well as houses for the operative class, the occupiers of which are also daily brought into the borough for the purposes of business.

That your Petitioners believe that a well defined boundary may be found which would bring within the borough a large population which ought to be included therein, leaving at the same time space for the further growth of buildings as recommended in other places reported upon by the Boundary Commissioners.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the boundaries of the borough of Preston may be enlarged, so as to include within its area the adjacent portions of Ashton, Fulwood, Walton-le-Dale, and Penwortham.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Given under the common seal of the said borough, the 26th day of March 1868.

[1 Signature.

PETITION of the Landowners and Occupiers of the Hamlet of *Ashton-upon-Ribble*.

The Petition of the undersigned Landowners and Occupiers of the Hamlet of Ashton-upon-Ribble, in the County Palatine of Lancaster,

Humbly sheweth,

THAT there is before your Honourable House a Bill, intituled, "A Bill to settle and describe the limits of certain boroughs and the divisions of certain counties in England and Wales, in so far as respects the election of Members to serve in Parliament."

That such Bill is, as your Petitioners are informed and believe, founded on the recommendations of the Boundary Commissioners, and by the said Bill it is proposed that the boundary of the borough of Preston shall remain unchanged.

That two of the Assistant Boundary Commissioners attended at Preston for the purpose of inquiring into the boundaries of the borough of Preston, on Thursday, the 10th of October 1867.

That the council of the borough of Preston, as your Petitioners are informed and believe, at a meeting held on the 9th day of October 1867, unanimously resolved not to make any representation to the Boundary Commissioners as to the desirability or otherwise of enlarging the boundaries of the said borough, but at the same time authorised and directed



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their town clerk to attend before the Commissioners at their meeting on the following day to answer inquiries and to afford information.

That the town clerk did accordingly attend before the Commissioners on Thursday, the 10th day of October 1867, to give, and did give to the Commissioners information as directed by the council, and (amongst others) several of the principal landowners in the hamlet of Ashton-upon-Ribble also attended, by themselves or their agents, before the Commissioners to state their objections to the incorporation of any part of the hamlet of Ashton-upon-Ribble with the said borough.

That the Boundary Commissioners, as your Petitioners are informed and believe, have reported to your Honourable House that it is not expedient to enlarge the boundaries of the said borough.

That your Petitioners are informed and believe that the council of the borough of Preston, at a late meeting of the council, have come to a resolution to present a petition to your Honourable House, praying that the boundary of the said borough of Preston may be enlarged so as to include within its area adjacent portions of Ashton-upon-Ribble, Fulwood, Walton-le-Dale, and Penwortham.

That such resolution, as appears from the public prints, has been the subject of much difference of opinion and debate in the council, and was carried by a very narrow majority.

That your Petitioners are averse to incorporation with the borough of Preston; and inasmuch as the Boundary Commissioners, an independent and impartial tribunal have, after due investigation and enquiry, reported to your Honourable House, as your Petitioners are informed and believe, that in their judgment an extension of the boundaries of the said borough is not expedient.

Your Petitioners humbly pray your Honourable House to adhere to the provisions of the said Bill, and not to include any part of the hamlet upon Ribble, within the Parliamentary borough of Preston.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[33 Signatures.]

PETITION of Landowners of the Township of *Walton-le-Dale*.

The Petition of the undersigned Landowners of the Township of Walton-le-Dale, in the County Palatine of Lancaster,

Humbly sheweth,

THAT there is under the consideration of your Honourable House a Bill, intituled "A Bill to settle and describe the limits of certain Boroughs and the Divisions of certain Counties in England and Wales, so far as respects the Election of Members to serve in Parliament." That such Bill is founded on the recommendation of the Boundary Commissioners contained in their Report to your Honourable House, and that by the said Bill it is proposed that there shall be no extension of the limits of the borough of Preston, in the said county palatine.

That the Assistant Boundary Commissioners, acting under the directions of your Honourable House, visited the said borough of Preston in the month of October last, when they were attended by the mayor of the said borough, who submitted to them a resolution of the council of the said borough, stating that they did not desire to make any representation to the said Commissioners as to the boundaries of the said borough, and your Petitioners believe it to be true the said Commissioners reported accordingly.

That the corporation of Preston have submitted a petition to your Honourable House against the Report of the said Commissioners, and seek to have the boundary of the said borough enlarged, by adding (amongst other lands in other townships) a portion of the township of Walton-le-Dale, comprising 600 acres, or thereabouts.

That in such petition it is alleged there is little available space left for building purposes within the limits of the borough; but your Petitioners are informed and believe that in the township of Fishwick, which forms part of the said borough, there are several hundred acres of land unbuilt upon.

That the tidal river called the Ribble is the boundary between the township of Fishwick (part of the borough of Preston) and the township of Walton-le-Dale; that the said river in the winter season frequently rises to such an extent as to enter many of the cottages in the village of Walton, as also to overflow certain lands on the Walton side which lay low, and thereby rendered unfit for building purposes, and comprises the greatest part of the land sought to be added to the said borough of Preston.

That no part of the said township of Walton-le-Dale is supplied with water from Preston, neither are the roads or ways lighted with gas, but it is true that gas is supplied from works in Preston to private houses in Walton-le-Dale.

That the district of Walton-le-Dale sought to be included in the said borough of Preston, contains 1,930 inhabitants; that there are two cotton mills in the district; that some of the inhabitants of the district are operatives, but they chiefly consist of persons engaged in agricultural purposes.

That the area of the district contains about 600 acres, comprising the small village of Walton-le-Dale, and five farms of considerable extent, together with plantations and woodland.

That your Petitioner, Sir Henry de Hoghton, is the owner of many buildings in the village, as well as of 478 acres, or thereabouts, of the agricultural land sought to be annexed to the said borough.

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That the total assessment to the rates of the township of Walton-le-Dale of the property comprised in the said district is 6,292  $\text{£}$ . 10  $s.$ , of which your Petitioners represent the sum of 6,000  $\text{£}$ . at the least.

That during the last few years the buildings in the village of Walton-le-Dale have not increased, two houses only having been erected, and a number of dwellings having been pulled down or become uninhabitable.

That the township of Walton-le-Dale is in the parish of Blackburn and the hundred of Blackburn, and the said borough of Preston is in the parish of Preston and the hundred of Amounderness.

Your Petitioners humbly submit to your Honourable House that, under all the circumstances of the case, there is no call for annexing the said district of Walton-le-Dale to the said borough of Preston.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honourable House will adhere to the provisions of the said Bill, and not include the township of Walton-le-Dale, or any part thereof, within the Parliamentary borough of Preston.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[37 Signatures.]

PETITION of the Executive Committee of the Preston Branch of the National Reform Union of the Borough of Preston.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Executive Committee of the Preston Branch of the National Reform Union of the Borough of Preston, in the County of Lancaster:

Humbly sheweth,

THAT the Assistant Boundary Commissioners acting under the directions of your Honourable House, have visited this borough and reported on the question of its boundaries.

That the corporation of Preston have submitted a petition to your Honourable House to have the boundary of the borough extended beyond its present limits, in opposition to the recommendation of the Assistant Commissioners.

That the statement contained in the said petition, that there is but little space left within the borough for building purposes is incorrect, there being several hundreds of acres still eligible for the increase of the town within its present limits.

That the boundary of the borough is on all sides a natural and well-defined one.

That the dwellings elected in the adjoining townships are not contiguous to those in the borough, there being a considerable space between them on all sides.

That there is no such community of interest existing or likely to exist in the trade or manufacture of the surrounding districts with this borough, as to warrant their local or political incorporation.

That before the arrival of the said Commissioners the corporation unanimously decided not to express an opinion, or recommend any plan for the guidance of the Commissioners further than instructing the town clerk to furnish them with all requisite information.

That the resolution of the corporation to seek such alteration was passed by that body by a majority of one vote only, and was the subject of much debate and difference of opinion.

That on the visit of the Commissioners, there was an all but unanimous opposition on the part of the adjoining districts to incorporation with this borough, that such opposition still exists.

That your Petitioners humbly pray your Honourable House to preserve the boundary of the borough in the manner recommended by the Commissioners.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

Preston, 18 May 1868.

George Toulmin, President.

### 3.—MEMORIALS.

— None. —

### 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

LETTER from Sir Thomas Hesketh, addressed to the Chairman of the Committee.

Dear Mr. Walpole,

22 May 1868.

SINCE giving my evidence on Tuesday, I have received the enclosed from Preston, which I hope the Committee will kindly allow me to lay before them, as it contains some evidence which I did not adduce.

I remain, &c.

(signed) Thomas George Fermor Hesketh.

The Right Hon. Spencer Walpole, M.P.,  
&c. &c. &c.



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## Proposed addition to the Borough of Preston.

THE acreage of Preston borough is as follows:—namely, Preston, 2,126 *a.* 3 *r.* 32 *p.*; Fishwick, 692 *a.* 2 *r.* 11 *p.*; total present acreage, 2,819 *a.* 2 *r.* 3 *p.*

As near as can be estimated, the additional acreage in the line drawn around the present borough, will be about 2,094 *a.* 1 *r.* 7 *p.*, which added to the existing acreage, would but make the whole borough, 4,913 *a.* 3 *r.* 10 *p.*, being an extent for less than a great many other boroughs smaller in point of population than Preston, but which are to be made still larger in point of acreage. The Commissioners' Report abounds with instances of this kind.

The district to be added is land available for building purposes, much being already occupied with buildings, and more laid out for building upon. In fact, the town must extend there if it is to extend at all, as there is practically very little land left for building upon within the present limits, except for particular purposes; namely, cottages and workshops.

It must be borne in mind that Mr. Shawe, who is the owner of nearly the whole of Fishwick township now unbuilt upon, will not allow his land to be sold for building purposes; much of it, indeed, on account of natural difficulties is not available; and the part which might be turned to building purposes if he were willing, would only be fit for cottages and workshops, or chiefly so.

The existing houses in the district proposed to be added will be already about 1,000, and, at an estimate, the population about 5,000.

The district comprises certainly what may be called a town population, and with every interest that way; in fact, the interests are identical.

Gas and water are taken from the present borough into the districts proposed to be added.

The petition fully sets forth the claim of Preston to be extended, if any place in the Kingdom is entitled to that advantage.

It may be observed that whilst there was a memorial sent in to the Commissioners from Sir Henry de Hoghton's agent, or obtained under his auspices, and professing to be sent from owners of property and inhabitants of Walton-le-Dale (chiefly from persons who have already votes) against the proposed addition of Walton to Preston, there was on the other hand a memorial sent in just of an opposite nature, from the working classes who have no votes, and cannot get votes otherwise than by annexing Walton to Preston.

As to the memorial from Fulwood against the proposed addition of Fulwood to Preston, they want to blow both hot and cold; they want to be considered as inhabitants of Preston, in reference to being supplied with gas, &c.; but they want to have nothing to do with taking the other incidents of a town population; and exactly the same remarks apply to the other surrounding places within the proposed extended limits; they want to have every advantage the town can give in one direction, but not in another way, when they imagine it will not suit their interests.

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PAPER put in by Mr. *Gibbs*, Assistant Commissioner.

Borough of Preston, in the County of *Lancaster*.

AT a Meeting of the Council of the said Borough, held at the Town-hall in the said Borough, on Wednesday, the 9th day of October 1867.

PRESENT:

The Right Worshipful EDMUND BIRLEY, Mayor, in the Chair.

It was Resolved,—

THAT this council does not desire to make any representation to the Boundary Commissioners as to the boundaries of the borough.

That the town clerk be authorised to attend the Boundary Commissioners, and furnish them with any information they may require upon the subject of their inquiries.

(signed) *Robert Ascott*, Town Clerk.

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## READING.

### 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

Reading.

THE Parliamentary borough of Reading is identical with the old borough, as it existed before 1832, and its limits coincide with those of the municipal borough. Parliamentary Borough.

It comprises the entire parish of St. Lawrence, and parts of the parish of St. Mary and St. Giles.

It contains 2,200 acres, and about 5,200 houses, with a population estimated, in 1866, at 27,059; of these 1,832 are on the register.

No local Act is in force within the borough which affects any area outside the Parliamentary boundary.

The town of Reading has nearly doubled since 1831; but there is a very large area within the borough still unbuilt on. Increase of town.

The principal part of the town is concentrated in the eastern half, in which lies its business centre. In the westward half of the town, there is abundance of open high ground in every respect available for building purposes. At the same time houses have been scattered more or less all over it, and a good deal of the eligible open land, above referred to is either laid out or in the market for building. There is also, in the westward half of the borough, in the neighbourhood of the Kennet and its branches, some low land frequently flooded, and, therefore, unfit for building. Westward part of borough.

On the Oxford-road there are seven or eight small houses just outside the boundary. They form part of a row of a dozen houses, of which three or four are inside the boundary, and the remainder outside, the boundary passing through one of them. No land is laid out beyond them, nor is there any probability of building beyond the turnpike. Oxford-road houses.

In the eastern half of the borough there is also a good deal of open land, consisting of— Eastward half, open land.

1st. The land lying between the River Thames and the Great Western Railway.

2ndly. The land lying in the south-eastern corner of the borough, between the London-road and the borough boundary.

The first-mentioned land is very low, liable to be flooded, and unfit for building.

The second has, in consequence of entails and settlements, only recently been brought into the market.

Immediately outside the eastern boundary there is an area about 350 yards broad, extending from the cemetery, on the Wokingham-road, to the White Knight's-road, upon which a large number of small villa residences have been recently built, and the whole of which has been laid out for building. Further east, no extension of the town can at present take place, as the land is held subject to covenants not to build more than four houses, each of which is to be of the value of 20,000*l.*, and to have about 40 acres of land attached to it. Eastern extension.

Immediately outside the southern boundary of the borough, and east of the Whitley-road, the land rises rapidly, and offers most eligible building sites on the slope facing the town, and these have been largely appropriated to that purpose. The houses and land laid out for building in this direction occupy an area about 1,000 yards in length (from the Whitley-road to Southern-hill), with an average breadth of 350 yards. Southern extension.

From Southern Hill to the south-eastern angle of the borough, only the north side of the road is laid out for building, the south side being occupied by White Knight's Park. Many of these houses are substantial villa residences, and are inhabited by the same class of people as those who live in the suburbs within the borough.\* The occupiers of them are some persons retired from business, some carrying on business in the town, many of independent means, and a few who go up and down to London daily.

About Southern Hill there is also a smaller class of houses, in rows, chiefly inhabited by persons employed in Reading.

Immediately across the Thames, which forms the northern boundary of the borough, Northern extension.

and

\* A very large proportion of the inhabitants of Reading are persons of small independent means, who have nothing to do with the trade of the town.

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a Caversham.

and here separates the counties of Berkshire and Oxfordshire, is the village of Caversham.

A great number of houses have been lately built here, and on the neighbouring ground, which, rising rapidly from the Thames, forms very eligible sites for building. Some are large houses, with a good deal of ground attached, several being large schools; but the bulk are small houses, situate close to the bridge, which here crosses the Thames, and are mixed up with the old houses, which comprise the village. They are principally inhabited by railway labourers belonging to the Great Western Railway Depot at Reading; and there are other artisans and mechanics, who have their daily employment in the town.

b Eastward of Caversham.

Eastward of Caversham, and nearly as far as Lower Caversham, there is a good deal of land in the market, and some laid out for building on the hill side which here bounds the valley in which Reading is situated; but there is much land under cultivation mixed up with this, and the prospect of its being rapidly filled with houses is so remote, that we have thought it undesirable to include it in the line submitted herewith, which will take in 147 of the small houses above alluded to.

Extension along the Kennet.

South of the Kennet the houses are built right up to the eastern boundary, and one row of small houses projects beyond it. They are 10 in number, and inhabited by labourers and others employed in Reading.

Wishes of inhabitants.

Besides the inducement offered by superior building sites immediately beyond the boundary, the value of land so situated has been much enhanced for building purposes by the non-liability of persons residing there to contribute to borough rates, and the owners and occupiers combined in earnestly protesting against any change which they feared would ultimately subject them to borough taxation. No suggestion was made to us to extend the boundary.

We herewith submit a line for the consideration of the Commissioners, which will take in the new houses and building land on the east and south, the few houses on the Oxford-road, a portion of Caversham, and the 10 houses last mentioned near the north-east angle.

The total number of houses thus added will be as follows:—

|                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| On the east and south | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 107 |
| On the Oxford-road    | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8   |
| Lower Caversham       | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 147 |
| North-east angle      | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10  |
| TOTAL                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 272 |

with an estimated population of 1,300.

The following is a description of the proposed new boundary:—

From the point where the Wokingham-road leaves the present boundary (A.), along the said road to the point where it meets the lane leading to the Brick-yard (B.); thence in a straight line to the point where the White Knight's-road meets the second road outside, and parallel to, the eastern boundary (C.); thence along the White Knight's-road, to the point where it meets the curved road which passes to the east and south of Southern Hill (D.); thence along the said road, to the point where it meets the Shinfield-road (E.); thence in a straight line to the Whitley Turnpike (F.); thence westward, along the present boundary till it meets the Oxford-road (G.); thence in a straight line to the opposite projecting angle of the present boundary (H.) (distant about 330 yards, or thereabouts); thence northward, along the present boundary to a point due south of Caversham Church (I.); thence in a straight line to Caversham Church (J.); thence in a straight line to a point on the Nettlebed-road, 50 yards above its junction with the Henley-road; thence down the Nettlebed-road to the said junction (L.); thence in a straight line directed on St. Lawrence's Church, Reading, till the said line meets the present boundary (M.); thence eastward, along the present boundary till it meets the South Eastern Railway (N.); thence in a straight line to the point first described.

*Rob. Biddulph, Lieut. Col., R.A.  
J. Horne Payne.*

## 2.—PETITIONS.

PETITION of Owners and Occupiers of Property in that portion of the Hamlet of *Whitley*, intended to be included in the proposed Extension of the Boundaries of the Borough of *Reading*,

Humbly sheweth,

WE, the undersigned, being owners and occupiers of property in that portion of the hamlet of *Whitley* intended to be included in the proposed extension of the boundaries of the



the borough of Reading, do earnestly pray that the said extension may not be carried out, for the following reasons :—

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1st. That one of the main reasons for our selecting the situations we now occupy was because it was outside the borough boundary. That our being included in that boundary will ultimately very materially add to our local taxation, for, although the present proposed extension is only for Parliamentary purposes, there can be no doubt that the borough will for municipal purposes be made coequal with the area selected as the Parliamentary borough.

2nd. That, as we gave a higher price for our property on account of its being free from borough rates, our being called upon to pay them will be a great injustice.

3rd. That, taking no interest in municipal elections, our being called upon to take part in them will be a source of great annoyance.

4th. That the proposed extension of the borough boundary, which already extends over a very large area, is quite uncalled for, and the effect of the late Reform Bill will be to add upwards of 1,200 votes, or nearly double the present constituency.

5th. That the proposed new southern line, extending across market gardens, will always be difficult to define, the more so as the two toll-gates named as the extreme of the southern boundary are sure to be removed entirely in the course of a very short time.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[45 Signatures.]

PETITION of Landowners and Residents, Parishioners and Ratepayers, in the Liberty of *Earley*, in the Parish of *Sonning*, *Berkshire*.

The humble Petition of Landowners and Residents, Parishioners and Ratepayers, in the Liberty of *Earley*, in the Parish of *Sonning*, *Berkshire*, in Vestry assembled,

Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners feel aggrieved at, and view with much regret, the proposed alterations in the boundary of the borough of Reading, whereby a certain portion of the liberty of *Earley* is proposed to be included within the said borough; and your Petitioners state that at a general vestry meeting of the parishioners and ratepayers duly convened, and held in the vestry-room of St. Peter's Church, *Earley*, on the 25th day of March 1868, Thomas Porter, Esq., Erleigh Whiteknights, presiding, the Petition, recently presented to your Honourable House, from owners and occupiers of lands and houses in that portion of *Earley* proposed to be included within the said borough, was read to the meeting, and approved of; and "it was unanimously resolved, that such alteration in the boundary of the borough is not desired by any of the inhabitants of the liberty of *Earley*, and that the residential character of the district is likely to be seriously affected by it."

Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that the liberty of *Earley* may not be divided, and that your Honourable House will be pleased to revise so much of the Report of the Boundary Commissioners on the borough of Reading as affects the liberty of *Earley*, and not include any portion of *Earley* in the Parliamentary boundary of the said borough.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

[10 Signatures.]

PETITION of Residents and Owners of Land in the Liberty of *Earley*, in the Parish of *Sonning*, *Berkshire*.

The humble Petition of Residents and Owners of Land in the Liberty of *Earley*, in the Parish of *Sonning*, *Berkshire*,

Showeth,

THAT the alteration in the boundary of the borough of Reading, *Berkshire*, as proposed by the Boundary Commissioners in their Report recently issued, by which certain land in the liberty of *Earley* is proposed to be included within the borough of Reading, will seriously affect your Petitioners, owners, and occupiers of the lands and houses proposed to be included within the borough of Reading.

The grievances of which your Petitioners complain from the proposed alterations as regards *Earley* are :—

1st. That as owners and occupiers of land and houses in this district, your Petitioners have acquired vested interests in property outside the borough of Reading; and your Petitioners state that a principal inducement in acquiring such interests was that the property was removed from the borough of Reading, both in a Parliamentary and municipal sense, and your Petitioners further state that from the fact that there are at least 150 acres of agricultural land immediately adjacent to this district within the borough of Reading available for building purposes, it could not be reasonably conjectured, when they acquired such interests, that any alteration in the borough boundary in this district would be proposed.



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2nd. That property will thereby be further considerably depreciated in value, the prevailing impression being that the proposed alteration in the Parliamentary boundary will eventually lead to a similar alteration in the municipal boundary, whereby the property referred to will be subjected to heavy borough taxes, and at the same time will not derive adequate advantage therefrom.

3rd. That the original conveyances under which property is held in this district contain prohibitory conditions against carrying on any trade or business upon the property, and against erecting houses of a less value than sums named in the deeds, it being the intention of the original owner that the property should partake of a residential and not of a commercial character. Your Petitioners therefore submit that any Legislative measure which may eventually lead to the incorporation of any portion of the liberty of Earley with the borough of Reading, will be inequitable in its results, inasmuch as the annual charges upon such property would be more than doubled in amount, and your Petitioners would be unable to make use of their property for the purpose of any trade whatsoever.

4th. That the liberty of Earley is part of the parish of Sonning, and is not connected with any of the parishes within the borough of Reading, but is entirely distinct therefrom, and that that portion of Earley proposed to be included within the borough boundary is within the jurisdiction of the Wokingham magisterial bench and union, and is separated from the inhabited part of the borough of Reading by a large field of above 100 acres (known as the Redland's Estate), on which there are but three houses.

5th. That the present borough boundary adjoining Earley is formed by a natural water-course, running in a continuous straight line from south to north down to the river Kennet, whereas the proposed boundary is of a most irregular and undefined shape.

6th. That not more than three residents in the liberty of Earley have any commercial connection with the town of Reading.

Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to revise so much of the Report of the Boundary Commissioners on the borough of Reading as affects the liberty of Earley, and not include any portion of Earley in the Parliamentary boundary of the said borough.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

[21 Signatures.]

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### 3.—MEMORIALS.

To the SELECT COMMITTEE appointed to Inquire into the Boundary Commissioners' Report.

I, JAMES JOSEPH WHEBLE, of Bulmarshe Court, in the county of Berks, esquire, declare that I was the original owner of the greater portion of the land in the liberty of Earley, in the county of Berks, proposed by the Report of the Boundary Commissioners to be included within the Parliamentary Borough of Reading.

That I have a considerable estate in the said liberty of Earley, adjoining the said lands; that on the occasion of the sale of the land above referred to, I imposed restrictions in the deeds of conveyance against the carrying on of any trade or business; and that I consider the incorporation of any portion of the property in the Parliamentary Borough of Reading will depreciate its value.

That I have read the Petition and Memorial presented by the inhabitants of that portion of the liberty of Earley proposed to be included within the borough of Reading, and likewise the Petition of the inhabitants of the whole of the said liberty in vestry assembled, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements therein contained are true.

And I make this declaration conscientiously believing such to be true, under and by virtue of a certain Act of Parliament passed for the abolition of oaths, and for the substitution of declarations in lieu thereof.

*James J. Wheble.*

Subscribed and declared at Reading, in the county of Berks, the 19th day of May, 1868, before me,

*W. R. Bartlett*, a Commissioner to administer  
Oaths in Chancery in England.

To the SELECT COMMITTEE appointed by the House of Commons to inquire into the Report of the Boundary Commissioners.

The humble Memorial of Residents and Owners of Land in the Liberty of Earley, in the Parish of Sonning, Berkshire,

Showeth,

THAT your Memorialists have petitioned the Honourable the House of Commons in Parliament assembled, praying that they would take into consideration the report of the Boundary Commissioners on the borough of Reading; and that they would be pleased to revise so much of the said report as effects the liberty of Earley, so that no portion of the liberty of Earley may be included within the Parliamentary boundary of the said borough.

That your Memorialists humbly submit the following reasons, showing why no portion of the liberty of Earley should be included within the boundary of the said borough:

1. That the liberty of Earley is part of the parish of Sonning, and is not in any way connected with any of the parishes within the said borough of Reading, as is the case with the hamlet of Whitley; it is also separated from the inhabited part of the borough of Reading, by an estate belonging to the trustees of Christ's Hospital, and also by a large field of above 100 acres (known as the Redland's Estate), both of which are within the borough of Reading, and on which last-mentioned estate there are but three houses. That the portion of the said liberty of Earley proposed to be included is a mere fractional part of the whole liberty, and consists of about 40 acres (more or less), and is within the jurisdiction of the Wokingham Magisterial Bench and Union.

2. That all the owners and occupiers of land in the liberty of Earley are opposed to any alteration in the borough boundary whereby any portion of the said liberty will be incorporated with the borough, feeling that the residential character of the neighbourhood will be affected thereby; and that such feelings have been made known to your Honourable House by a petition, setting forth a resolution of vestry; and on the other hand, it is a matter of fact well known to your Memorialists, that the inhabitants of the borough of Reading have expressed no desire to extend their borough boundary in the direction of Earley.

3. That on the portion of land in the liberty of Earley proposed to be included within the borough of Reading, the original owner of the land imposed certain restrictions against the erection thereon of any buildings for the purposes of trade; and that your Memorialists in consideration of such restrictions, have regulated their outlay upon the property with a view to its use as a residential, and not a commercial property. And your Memorialists, for the information of your Committee, beg to give an extract from one of such conveyances, dated the 31st day of December 1862, and made between Charles Easton, of Whiteknights Park, of the one part, and Joseph Morris, architect, of the other part, as follows: "that the purchaser will *bonâ fide* expend the sum of 700*l.* sterling, at the least, in erecting such dwelling-house, and will not carry on upon the said premises any trade or business whatsoever, or allow the said premises to be occupied for the purpose of a school (except a school for the education of young ladies)". That the said deed, and other deeds of like import, can be produced to your Committee in verification of this Memorial if required by your Committee.

4. That the present municipal and Parliamentary boundaries of the borough of Reading are identical, and that the present boundary adjoining Earley is formed by a natural water-course running in a straight line from south to north down to the River Kennet, whereas the proposed boundary is of a most irregular shape.

5. That not more than four residents in the liberty of Earley have any commercial connection with the town of Reading.

Wherefore your Memorialists humbly pray that your Committee will favourably consider the prayer of the aforementioned petition, and that your Committee will be pleased to recommend that the Report of the Boundary Commissioners on the borough of Reading be revised, and that no portion of the liberty of Earley be included in the Parliamentary boundary of the said borough.

[21 Signatures.]

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#### 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

— None. —

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## SALISBURY.

### 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

THE Assistant Commissioners commenced the inquiry at the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Salisbury, at 11 o'clock p.m., on Thursday, the 19th September.

They were met by Dr. Lush, the Mayor, Mr. Lee, the Town Clerk, and several persons interested in the borough, about 20 in all. The Mayor stated, on the opening of the proceedings, that a proposal would be made on the part of several of the inhabitants to extend the limits of the borough, and that Mr. Sydney Read, a barrister of the Western Circuit, and an inhabitant of Salisbury, would state their case.

Two maps were laid before the Commissioners for reference, namely:—

1. A map of the borough made by the city surveyors for the Local Board of Health in 1860.
2. A map of the manor of Milford, made for the Bishop, who is Lord of the Manor, from an actual survey in 1864.

Mr. Read said that part of the inhabitants of Salisbury had, several years ago, recognised the necessity that now exists for extending the boundary of the Parliamentary borough. In advocating the measure he was, therefore, giving expression to a feeling of no recent date. And he suggested that, supposing the Commissioners should, as a rule, decline to increase one borough at the expense of another, still the present case was so peculiar that it might be made the subject of special legislation. The proposed extension was as follows:

1st. To include in the Parliamentary borough of Salisbury the whole of Fisherton parish, part of which is now in the adjoining borough of Wilton; whereby an entirely new line would be substituted for that part of the present boundary between the River Nadder and the River Avon, following throughout the boundary of the parish of Fisherton.

Salisbury.

The Parliamentary borough comprises:  
The City.  
The Liberty of the Close.  
Parts of the three parishes—  
Fisherton-Anger, Milford, and Stratford.

Proposition to include the whole of the parish of Fisherton (coloured yellow on the Ordnance map).

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| In 1861 the population of the part of the parish within the borough of Wilton was | 90  |
| At present it is                                                                  | 560 |

|                                                           |       |    |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------|----|----|
| The rateable value of the same for the county rate was in | £.    | s. | d. |
| 1857                                                      | 135   | 6  | -  |
| Ditto in 1867                                             | 2,108 | 4  | 6  |

From these statistics it was argued by Mr. Read, the Mayor, and the Town Clerk, that the population of Salisbury is rapidly extending itself in this particular direction. They represented that any increase of population between Salisbury and Wilton must take place in the parish of Fisherton, because the land between that parish and Wilton is entailed property, and likely never to be available for building. The portion already built upon in Fisherton is nearly two miles from the town of Wilton, with which it is entirely unconnected either by trade or community of interest; whereas it is connected with Salisbury by a continuous street, and its inhabitants are chiefly clerks in banks and other establishments in the city.

Fisherton parish is in Alderbury Union, as also are some other parts of the present borough of Salisbury.

Mr. Turnbull Fairweather, collector of rates for the parish of Fisherton, stated that the number of dwellings in the district in question is 80.

Number of houses and voters in the district.

|                                                                |    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| The number of voters there in 1857, was                        | 8  |
| Of voters, under the Reform Act of 1832, in 1867, was          | 29 |
| And that the number of voters under the new Reform Act will be | 63 |

He also confirmed the statement of Mr. Read as to the increase of population, and repeated that the majority of the inhabitants of the district are connected by business with Salisbury.

The area thus proposed to be transferred to one borough from the other is 118 acres. The Mayor stated that he is an inhabitant of the district in question, and that his own desire, and, as he believes, that of the rest of the inhabitants, is to be included for Parliamentary purposes in the borough of Salisbury, with which all their interests are connected.

Area of the district.

Salisbury.

See the Report on  
Wilton.Proposition to  
include parts of  
Milford (coloured  
yellow on the map).Number of houses  
in the district.Area and popula-  
tion.

He believed that the advantages of being within the city and partaking of its privileges would far more than compensate for the increase in rates, and he anticipated that, whether the Parliamentary boundary should be made to include the district or not, its inhabitants would seek for municipal purposes to be included in the municipal boundary. The inhabitants of the district are, in fact, according to his view, to all intents inhabitants of Salisbury.

The other part of the proposed enlargement was, to extend the Parliamentary boundary of the borough of Salisbury, on the north and west, in the following manner:—

To start from the River Avon on the north at the boundary of the parish of Milford; to follow that parish boundary until it meets the road to Old Sarum; thence in a straight line to the south-west angle of the Salisbury Cemetery, following the southern wall of the cemetery to the London-road; thence southward along the London-road to the bridge across the Salisbury and Bishopstoke Railway; thence following the railway to the arch over the Laverstoke-road; thence along the Laverstoke-road to the River Bourne; thence along the River Bourne to the bridge at the Dairy House on the Southampton-road; thence in a straight line due south to the River Avon; thence following the River Avon westward to the boundary of the parish of Fisherton.

The grounds alleged for the proposed extension in this quarter are, that in these portions of the parish of Milford many dwellings have been of late erected, the occupants of which are and will be connected by business, community of interest, and locality with the city of Salisbury; that the number of these may be expected largely to increase, as much of the land hitherto available in this quarter has been bought for building; that though the portion between the boundary of Stratford parish and the cemetery is held on ecclesiastical tenure, it is expected that this will be enfranchised by the bishop, and will so become purchasable for building lots.

Mr. Whereat, assistant overseer of the parish of Milford, stated that he collected the rates for that parish. In it there are 46 houses out of the borough. Of these, eight are cottages, the remainder houses of from 20*l.* to 35*l.* rental. The cottages are inhabited by agricultural labourers. All the houses except the cottages will possess the county franchise under the new Reform Act. The business of their occupants lies principally in Salisbury.

The area of the parts of the parish of Milford, which it is proposed to include, is 287 acres. The probable population is 220.

Mr. Middleton, surgeon, an inhabitant of Salisbury, who has been the principal promoter of recent sanitary improvements in the city, opposed the contemplated extension. He said he should do so chiefly on municipal grounds, believing that the addition of the proposed districts to the Parliamentary borough would be a step towards including them in the municipality for sanitary purposes, which was to be deprecated as injurious to the city, and in many respects impracticable. He believed that many of the inhabitants would be opposed to the present proposition, and would have protested against it had they been aware that there was an intention to advocate it.

As a community of municipal interests formed an argument for the addition of the districts in question to the Parliamentary borough, the Assistant Commissioners considered that his counter-statement would be relevant to the main question, and he proceeded to say that as the city contains nearly 13,000 inhabitants there can be no necessity for the proposed extension on the ground of increasing the number. On sanitary grounds it would be injurious to the city for the following reasons:—The present systems of water supply and of drainage are extremely well suited to existing requirements, but would be quite insufficient for the new districts. The demand on the waterworks already taxed them heavily, the requirements, now 600,000 gallons daily, might be expected to increase to 1,000,000, and they could not, without detriment to the present citizens, be called on to supply such a population in Fisherton as the advocates of extension appeared to contemplate, and it might be anticipated that the sanitary arrangements would suffer from the diffusion of the water over a wider area. With regard to the drainage, the lower part of the parish of Fisherton, on account of the difference of level, could not be drained by the present outfall of Salisbury. It must therefore be drained into the Nadder, and the city, now free from litigation on the subject of its drainage, would be involved in disputes with those who would complain of the nuisance created by the new outfall that would be necessary. The upper part of the parish of Fisherton in the direction of the Devizes-road, could not, however, be liable to this objection. On the Milford side, the fact that the houses there were in a different valley would also be an obstacle to their inclusion within the present systems of water supply and drainage.

As to the feeling of the inhabitants of these districts on the subject, he asserted that the reason why the outskirts of the city were increasing, without the municipal limits, was that those districts were preferred for the purpose of avoiding the heavy municipal rates.

Difference of rating  
within and without  
the borough.

The present rating of the outlying part of Fisherton is 3*s.* in the pound. That of the adjoining portion of the same parish, within the boundary of Salisbury, is 7*s.* 6*d.* in the pound. The parish of Milford, without the boundary, is rated at 2*s.* 6*d.* in the pound.

On the other hand, the mayor, and Mr. Wilson, inhabitant of Salisbury, contended that the extension of the sanitary system would not be attended by the difficulties which Mr. Middleton anticipated. They believed it to be very possible to drain the whole of the proposed districts, and with regard to the water supply of Fisherton, that was at present obtained



obtained from the works of Salisbury, and new works for the special purpose were in course of erection.

The Assistant Commissioners, accompanied by the mayor and town clerk, and furnished with maps of the parishes of Fisherton and Milford, made from actual survey, proceeded to inspect the area which it was proposed to include in the Parliamentary boundary.

They found that the houses in the outlying part of the parish of Fisherton are, as was stated, connected with the city by a continuous street which extends beyond the parish on the Wilton-road, and there would appear no doubt that these properly form part of the city of Salisbury, and had they existed at the time the former boundaries were fixed, good reason would have appeared for including them in that borough.

With regard to the probability of the population of this district increasing, they observe that the area in the south part of Fisherton, situated in the bend of the river, consists of water-meadows which, from their level being nearly identical with that of the river, would be difficult of drainage, and it is, therefore, improbable that they would be chosen as building sites. In the upper part of the parish there appeared no signs of the increase in the number of houses that the advocates of extension anticipate; in fact, almost all the land which is, or would become, available for building, has already been used for that purposes. The price of land is stated to be very high (reaching 800*l.* an acre), but, on the other hand, rents appear to be very low, and there would seem, therefore, to be no ground for supposing that land would generally be purchased here with the intention of building.

Regarding the proposition with respect to Fisherton, the Assistant Commissioners therefore submit that, supposing the inclusion of the inhabited district in question could be considered a case for special legislation, on the ground that sufficient space has not been allowed for the extension of the city, and that it is unduly confined by the boundary of the adjoining borough, which, though so inferior in population, occupies a much greater area, there would appear no reason for extending the limits beyond the area at present occupied by dwellings. For, if the extension of the Parliamentary boundary should be considered as forming ground for claiming subsequently an enlargement of the municipal boundary to the same extent, a considerable area would, if the whole parish of Fisherton were included, be subject to heavy additional rating, without the possibility of the ratepayers receiving corresponding benefit from the sanitary arrangements of the city, or other participation in its privileges. The Assistant Commissioners submit therefore, that, with regard to Fisherton parish, the only extension that has been shown to be in any way desirable may be effected by the following change in the boundary (indicated on the Ordnance map by a *blue* line), namely: From the point where the north-western face of the present boundary meets the Devizes-road in a straight line to the north-western corner of the premises immediately adjoining the boundary of Fisherton parish, on the north side of the Wilton-road; thence following the boundary of the parish till it meets the lower road from Fisherton to Beurn-ton; thence eastward along that road to the present boundary.

Modified extension in Fisherton suggested by the Assistant Commissioners (coloured *blue* on the Ordnance map).

Proceeding across the Avon to the parish of Milford, the ground north of the city affords desirable sites for building, but there is at present no sign of extension in this direction, except on the southern border of the cemetery, where 16 new houses of from 20*l.* to 30*l.* rental have been erected. An extension of the city in this direction is entirely problematical and dependent on the double contingency, first, that the land there will be rendered available for building by its enfranchisement from the present tenure; secondly, that there will be a demand for new dwellings in that district; respecting neither of which points was anything beyond surmise and expectation submitted for consideration. It is also to be observed that the present boundary includes a large space of land not yet built on, and which affords ample space for any probable extension of the suburbs.

The same objections apply to the remainder of the ground in this parish, which it is proposed to include, which consists of entailed property. The houses in this district are sufficiently contiguous to Salisbury to be considered as properly forming part of it; but the Assistant Commissioners submit that the number, 30 in all, is too inconsiderable to call for a change of any kind on that side, while, as regards community of interests, the inclusion for municipal purposes of the parts of the parish of Milford in question would subject them to greatly increased rating for town purposes, without conferring any compensating advantages on the proprietors of the greater part of the land.

The districts in question in Milford parish belong to the Union of Alderbury.

For the reasons given, the Assistant Commissioners submit that it is inexpedient to extend the limits of the Parliamentary borough of Salisbury in the parish of Milford.

The municipal borough, and the jurisdiction for sanitary purposes under the Local Board of Health Act, are conterminous with the Parliamentary borough.

*E. B. Hamley, Colonel.*  
*W. Spencer Ollivant.*

## 2.—PETITIONS.

— None. —



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## 3.—MEMORIALS.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled :

The humble Petition of the Citizens of Salisbury,

Showeth,

THAT the Report of the Boundary Commissioners published, in which no alteration was recommended in the present boundaries of Salisbury having been received here with general satisfaction, the reference of those boundaries for re-consideration before a Select Committee of your Honourable House, with a view to add a part of Fisherton-Anger parish, now in the borough of Wilton, has created general dismay and displeasure.

That no opinion has been expressed, either by the councillors or citizens, wishing for any alteration at all in the present boundaries.

That, in the opinion of your Petitioners, such an addition to the borough would be very objectionable and fraught with seriously bad consequences to the interests of the citizens of Salisbury.

That the borough of Salisbury, already large enough, being about four miles in circumference, with much building ground within its area, has been for many years a district, under the Public Health Act of 1848, with waterworks and a system of drainage adapted to its present boundaries.

That the sanitary works so adapted have been very successfully carried out, and the sewage of the district mainly passed through an outfall into the River Avon, below and away from the city, and this for many years.

That no nuisance has been created, nor is damage likely to be ever caused by the arrangement, the sewage matter not being lost as a manure, for the water of the river, for irrigation, passes over extensive meadows in the Vale of Avon, several times in the six or seven miles below the city, before that river touches the town of Downton; thus the local board now possess a singularly happy freedom from all difficulty about outfall for its drainage.

That although the proposed addition is now only Parliamentary, as the Parliamentary and municipal boundaries are at present identical, it is believed that, if the addition as proposed be made, the municipal line will soon be co-extended.

That from that time a task will be thrust upon the local board, the liability to do the drainage works for the new district, which will involve them in a difficulty of a kind from which they are now free—a difficulty about outfall—inasmuch as the drainage of a portion of the new district cannot be drawn by the present system of sewers to the main outfall.

That no advantage, political or otherwise, will accrue to Salisbury by the disruption of Wilton borough, in their taking away from it a part of Fisherton parish and adding it to Salisbury; on the other hand—

That both boroughs will be damaged; Wilton by having its already small population made yet smaller; and Salisbury, both economically and as a sanitary district, by altering that character by which it is now pre-eminently distinguished as being out of the common category of districts which are troubled about outfalls.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honourable House that the boundaries of Salisbury borough may be allowed to remain as they now are.

[512 Signatures.]

To the Chairman of the Select Committee on the Boundaries Bill.

The humble Memorial of the Citizens of Salisbury,

Showeth,

THAT the Report of the Boundary Commissioners published, in which no alteration was recommended in the present boundaries of Salisbury, having been received here with general satisfaction, the reference of those boundaries for reconsideration by a Select Committee of the House of Commons, with a view to add a part of Fisherton-Anger parish, now in the borough of Wilton, has created general dismay and displeasure.

That no opinion has been expressed, either by the town council or citizens, wishing for any alteration at all in the present boundaries.

That, in the opinion of your Memorialists, such an addition to the borough would be very objectionable and fraught with seriously bad consequences to the interests of the citizens of Salisbury.

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Your Memorialists therefore trust that the boundaries of Salisbury borough may be allowed to remain as they now are.

[114 Signatures.]

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LETTER and MEMORIAL forwarded to the Chairman by Mr. *A. B. Middleton*,  
25th May 1868.

Sir,

The Close Salisbury,  
23 May, 1868.

I HAVE this evening sent by post two Memorials upon the subject of the Salisbury boundaries. This case is very peculiar. A mistake has been generally made that the citizens wished for extension of their borough by the inclusion of part of Fisherton-Anger, which happens to adjoin it, but is now in Wilton borough.

It appears that Mr. Hamilton, one of our Members, was induced to place a notice upon the Parliamentary books, asking for this addition, under the erroneous impression that he was conferring a boon upon Salisbury. Most certainly, never was a greater misconception of reality. Amongst all classes, irrespective of politics, upon its becoming known that the Report of the Commissioners was not to be final, consternation prevailed.

It appears that some small Petition was privately sent to the Assistant Commissioners, which somehow has led to the belief that Salisbury people wished for this thing being done, because no counter-petition was sent, but Salisbury citizens knew nothing of the Petition, and when the Assistant Commissioners were asked whether any Petitions would be received after their sitting at Salisbury, their answer was, that none could be received; otherwise, a Petition, numerously signed, against any alteration of boundary would have been at once sent to them.

On the 21st instant, I learned from Mr. Hamilton, who originated this reference of liability to your Honourable Committee, that "ample time" existed. Great was the surprise this morning to find that, upon Monday, at 12 o'clock, the case of Salisbury is fixed to be heard; nothing but hurry has prevailed. I must therefore ask you to excuse any informality which may appear in the Memorials. If time allows, I doubt not but a great majority of the citizens will attach their names to the Petition to Parliament, and thus prove that instead of a "boon" Mr. Hamilton has asked for what is viewed here as quite contrary. As regards a personal Memorial from myself, I trust that it will not be deemed presuming, but attributed to its real cause, my zeal for sanitary reform, and the wish to secure the present pre-eminence of Salisbury against all risks. I have the honour to subscribe myself,

Yours, &c.

*A. B. Middleton.*

To the Right Honourable S. H. Walpole, M. P.,  
Chairman of the Boundaries Commission.



Salisbury.

To the Chairman of the Select Committee on the Boundaries Bill.

The humble Memorial of *Andrew B. Middleton*,

Showeth,

THAT 16 years ago, being then a medical practitioner in Salisbury, your Memorialist mainly caused to be applied to Salisbury, "The Public Health Act, 1848," with a view to its sanitary reform, and that he has ever since continued to watch carefully the safety of the operations of that Act, so as to avoid complications.

That very successful work have been done for drainage, sewerage, and water supply to the borough, which forms the district of a local board; those works being adapted to the geographical requirements of the district.

That this district is large, about four miles in circuit, having much building ground within it, upon a gravelly and chalk subsoil.

That, inasmuch as the Parliamentary and municipal boundaries are now identical, your Memorialist has reason to believe that the extension of the one will be soon followed by that of the other.

That, in the opinion of your Memorialist, corroborated by others, no enlargement of such district would be at present desirable for many reasons, but that if it ever should take place, it ought to be towards the north, north-east, and east; and there only within certain limits, such as would admit of the sewerage being drawn to our present main outfall below the city, which is not now, and is never likely to become injurious; and that the proposed extension to the west is that very direction in which your Memorialist, from local knowledge, believes to be most objectionable for reasons more fully expressed in the accompanying Memorial, although by a mere survey of maps, it may appear otherwise.

That your Memorialist attended before the Assistant Commissioners when sitting at Salisbury in the last autumn, and handed in a protest against this and other extensions then proposed, wherein the foregoing views were embodied.

That, prior to that sitting, no meeting of the town council, nor public meeting of citizens took place, and at no time has any Petition been publicly sent from Salisbury upon this subject, so that from first to last no wish for extension has ever been expressed by the citizens of Salisbury.

That the report of the Boundary Commissioners having given general satisfaction when it became known that Salisbury was referred to a Select Committee, such reference being due to a notice placed upon the books of Parliament by Mr. Hamilton, who appears to have acted upon an erroneous impression about the citizen's wishes, the feelings of those citizens have been demonstrated by a Petition to Parliament, praying for the borough boundaries to be allowed to remain as they now are, which Petition has received upwards of signatures in part of one day (Saturday); and your Memorialist sincerely believes that a large majority of the citizens wish to sign the same Petition. In the meanwhile time pressing, as a proof of the truth of this opinion, a separate Memorial has been hurriedly prepared and addressed to your Honourable Committee, signed within a few hours, by 113 citizens of all classes and of every shade of political opinion.

That your Memorialist conscientiously believing that the good cause of sanitary reform in general will not be promoted, and that Salisbury in its sanitary character may actually be damaged by the proposed addition, he humbly trusts that your Honourable Committee will allow the boundaries of Salisbury to remain as they now are.

A. B. Middleton, M.R.C.S. England.

The Close, Salisbury, 23 May 1868.

To the Boundary Commissioners of *England and Wales*.

The Memorial of Householders and Ratepayers resident in that part of the Parish of Fisherton-Anger, lying without the Borough of New Sarum,

Showeth,

THAT the parish of Fisherton-Anger is partly within and partly without the borough of New Sarum; the part without the borough of New Sarum being within the borough of Wilton.

That your Memorialists being occupiers and residents in that part of Fisherton-Anger lying without the borough of New Sarum and within the borough of Wilton.

That your Memorialists, although within the borough of Wilton, have no other connection with it, but, on the other hand, carry on business in Salisbury, and are in every way connected therewith.

That the part of Fisherton-Anger in which your Memorialists reside has been, and still is, rapidly increasing.

Your Memorialists therefore pray that that portion of the parish of Fisherton-Anger lying without the borough of New Sarum, but within the borough of Wilton, may for political purposes be henceforth included in the borough of New Sarum.

[11 Signatures.]



## 4 OTHER DOCUMENTS.

LETTER from the Town Clerk of Salisbury, forwarding Resolution of Council.

Town Clerk's Office, Salisbury,  
27 May 1868.

Sir,  
By desire of the town council of this city, I have the honour of transmitting a copy of a resolution passed at a special meeting of the council held this day in favour of an extension of the Parliamentary boundary of the borough, which I am directed to request that you will lay before the Committee on the subject.

The Chairman of the  
Select Committee on Borough Boundaries,  
House of Commons.

I have, &c,  
*Chas. Marsh Lee*, Town Clerk.

## CITY OF NEW SARUM.

At a special meeting of the town council of this city, there held, on Wednesday, the 27th day of May 1868, to consider the expediency of extending the boundary of the borough,

Present—The Mayor, and Fifteen other Members of the Town Council,

It was resolved, by a majority of ten to four—"That it is expedient that the Parliamentary boundary of the borough should be extended by taking in that portion of the western part of Fisherton now without the boundary, as described in Mr. Hamilton's Notice on the Journals of the House of Commons."

[Extracted from the Minutes.]

*Chas. Marsh Lee*, Town Clerk.

LETTERS from Mr. A. B. Middleton to the Chairman.

Sir,

The Close, Salisbury, 28 May 1868.

SINCE writing to you on the 23rd instant, a Petition to Parliament has been signed by 514 citizens, against extension of their boundaries.

That Petition is signed by persons of all classes and opinions, and I may remark that as the citizens of Salisbury are not a petitioning people in general, this number obtained in four days is very significant of the intense feeling upon this subject.

Yesterday a council meeting was held, and not to the surprise of anyone, that body declined to assist their fellow citizens, although their wishes were made known to them.

In Salisbury, it is no new thing for the council to place themselves in antagonism to their citizens, and it is also no new thing for them to be in the wrong.

I may further remark that the decision of the council when known has made the people more annoyed than ever, and with time, I believe five-sixths of them would sign the Petition against extension.

The whole case is briefly this: Wilton borough cannot afford and does not want to lose West Fisherton, Salisbury borough does not want to have it.

In the debateable ground itself many, I believe most people, strongly object, preferring to be kept in Wilton, and it remains that 11 people only who signed the private Petition, are the promoters of this extension in the borough boundaries.

Had I an opportunity, from local experience, I could soon explain the motive power of this thing, which would account for the curious fact of a majority of a city council being obtained against a much greater majority of the citizens themselves.

Excuse my again troubling you, and wishing you to look upon this as a public letter to the Committee, I trust that my information will be also excused.

To the Right Hon. S. H. Walpole, M.P.,  
Chairman of the  
Select Committee on Boundaries of Boroughs.

I have, &c.  
(signed) *A. B. Middleton*.

Salisbury.

Sir,

The Close, Salisbury, 30 May 1868.

KNOWING the dissatisfaction with which the people of Salisbury view the proposed extension of their borough, after the Commissioners' Report had satisfied them that things were to remain as they are, I must once more trespass upon your time to place before you some facts now well known.

1. Last year, prior to the Assistant Commissioners sitting here, no meeting of the council or of the citizens was called, as in other places was done.

2. The then mayor, a chief mover in this matter, having property in West Fisherton, met at the town clerk's office upon the day before the sitting, with an attorney, a barrister, and rate collectors of the outlying districts in private, it may truly be said in secret conclave as regards the public.

3. At the sitting next day, the mayor appeared with his town clerk and the barrister before-mentioned, having carefully prepared plans for borough extension.

4. I appeared there as well, knowing that the object sought was mainly the same, viz., the inclusion of West Fisherton, in Salisbury district, which had been more than once before attempted and refused as undesirable. I protested against it, and offered to send evidence that my fellow citizens were much opposed to it; I was told that no further evidence could be received after the sitting, either by the Assistant Commissioners or by the Commissioners themselves, or, doubtless, a general Petition could at once have been sent against it. A private Petition from 11 people of West Fisherton appears, however, to have been received in favour of it.

5. At that time, for some weeks, Mr. Lambert, of the Poor Law Board, formerly a citizen of Salisbury, was residing in a house in West Fisherton belonging to the then mayor's family.

6. Mr. Lambert was subsequently attached to the Commissioners, whilst drawing up their Report.

7. It has now publicly transpired that the same Mr. Lambert actually drew the form of amendment of which Mr. Hamilton gave notice of motion, and upon which, at the instance of Mr. Gladstone, Salisbury was re-committed for consideration, with a view to this obnoxious extension, including the mayor's property in West Fisherton.

8. This year, as in last year, the people were never consulted; indeed, the utmost secrecy was observed. The fact of Mr. Lambert drawing the amendment has just become known from the publication of a letter from Mr. Hamilton to the present mayor. Accidentally divulged, the proposal at once caused much annoyance, which has only been increased by the recent council meeting, where 10 (of a whole number of 24 councillors) were obtained to vote against the wishes of their fellow citizens; the late mayor, whose property is in West Fisherton, leading. An idea of the kind of meeting may be had from one grand fact; the chief communication to it, that is, the copy of a Petition signed by 514 of the citizens was never even read.

I have made no comments, but merely stated plain facts.

Politically, the change is not wanted by Salisbury or by Wilton, nor by a great portion of the people of West Fisherton.

As proofs that the chief object is other than merely political, the 11 persons who signed the Petition to the Assistant Commissioners, all or most of them lost a vote for Wilton, having at present votes in both boroughs.

A clear proof by itself of ulterior motives is the secrecy kept about the whole thing, and the telling fact that whilst the Petitions against have been afloat, not one public address or Petition has been ventured upon in favour; a greater proof of knowledge of the immense unpopularity of the change could not be given.

These, Sir, are plain facts, and in conclusion, viewing this as a sanitary question, for that it is, I must anxiously protest against this western extension as most undesirable, not from selfishness, but self protection against complications, sure to follow.

By annexing West Fisherton to Salisbury, there will yet remain a growing inhabited district, yet more west, all in Wilton borough, without sanitary arrangements, which arrangements could now well be got by joining it to West Fisherton, and making a district under the Sanitary Act of 1866; and that plan would be far the best sanitary arrangement which could be made in the widest view of the district between Salisbury and Wilton towns. That could be only or best done by leaving the boundaries of both boroughs untouched. A Water Supply Act has already been obtained, which would facilitate that plan.

Again, respectfully reminding you that the whole people here are much moved against this thing, and all the more on account of the secrecy with which it was proposed, and hoping that your Honourable Committee will accede to the wishes of almost an entire population, expressed by a very large majority of present electors having actually signed the Petitions against extension,

I have, &amp;c.

A. B. Middleton.

To the Right Honourable S. H. Walpole, M.P.,  
Chairman of Borough Boundaries Committee.



Salisbury.

LETTER from Mr. *Hamilton*, M.P., to the Chairman of the Select Committee on Boundaries.

Sir,

Charters Sunningdale, 25 May 1868.

As, in consequence of indisposition, I am unable to attend before the Committee personally, in reference to the boundary of the Parliamentary borough of Salisbury, I beg to inform you, by letter, that there appears to be a great difference of opinion among the citizens as to the expediency of the proposed extension.

My informant, Dr. Middleton, a resident in Salisbury, says, in a letter received this morning, "That a Petition against the change, although only started a few hours, is receiving signatures by hundreds," and as it may fail to reach the Committee in time, I think it only right to forward the information myself.

When I placed the amendment which stands in my name on the paper, I was under the impression that the citizens of Salisbury were unanimous in favour of the change; but as this turns out not to be the case, I beg that no inference as to my own views may be drawn from the notice, and that no weight whatever may be attached to it, except so far as it represents the views of certain influential citizens who petitioned the Assistant Commissioners in favour of the change. The question is one mainly of a social character, though it has also a political aspect, and for that reason I feel sure that the Committee will be mainly guided by the wishes of the inhabitants.

I am, &c.

*Edw. Hamilton*, M.P. for Salisbury.

LETTER from Mr. *Hamilton*, M.P., to the Clerk of the Boundary Committee.

Sir,

Charters Sunningdale, 28 May 1868.

I FEEL it to be my duty to forward, for the information of the Boundary Committee, the copy of a resolution passed yesterday, by the municipal council, in favour of an extension of the Parliamentary borough of Salisbury. The Committee are already aware, that a Petition against the proposed change has been signed by a large number of the citizens, and among them I find the names of some of the most influential.

I have written to Mr. Lee, requesting to withdraw the motion standing in my name in reference to this matter, thinking it better to leave the question exclusively in the hands of the Committee.

I am, &c.

*Edw. Hamilton*, M.P. for Salisbury.

To Charles Eales, Esq.,  
Clerk of the Boundary Committee.

RESOLUTION of Town Council of *New Sarum*, 27th May 1868.

CITY of NEW SARUM.

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of this City, there held, on Wednesday, the 27th day of May, 1868, to consider the expediency of extending the Boundary of the Borough,

Present—The Mayor and Fifteen other Members of the Council,

It was resolved, by a majority of 10 to 4, "That it is expedient that the Parliamentary boundary of this borough should be extended by taking in that portion of the western part of Fisherton now without the boundary, as described in Mr. Hamilton's notice on the Journals of the House of Commons."

[Extracted from the Minutes.]

*Chas. Marsh Lee*, Town Clerk.



Salisbury.

## FISHERTON-ANGER.

THE LIST of PERSONS entitled to VOTE in the Election of a Member for the Borough of *Wilton*, in respect of property occupied within the Parish of *Fisherton-Anger*, by virtue of an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of King William IV, intituled "An Act to Amend the Representation of the People in England and Wales."

| Christian Name and Surname<br>of each<br>Voter at full length. | Place of Abode.      | Nature<br>of Qualification. | Street, Lane, or other like Place in this<br>Parish, and Number of House (if<br>any), where the Property is situ-<br>ated. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Adlam, Abraham Thomas -                                        | High Field House -   | House and Land -            | Devizes-road.—This property is sold to<br>Messrs. Finch & Lush, and about to<br>be occupied by them.                       |
| Butlin, William Agate - -                                      | Wilton-road - -      | House - -                   | Wilton-road.                                                                                                               |
| Chandler, Charles - - -                                        | Spring Villa - -     | House and garden -          | Church Fields.                                                                                                             |
| Fairweather, Turnbull - -                                      | Elysian Villa - -    | House and garden -          | Church Fields.                                                                                                             |
| Fawcett, William - - -                                         | Church Fields - -    | House and garden -          | Church Fields.                                                                                                             |
| Fielder, John - - - -                                          | Church Fields - -    | House and garden -          | Church Fields.—Left the Parish.                                                                                            |
| Finch, William Corbin, M.D. -                                  | West End Villa -     | House and garden -          | Wilton-road.                                                                                                               |
| Finch, William Corbin, jun. -                                  | Clayland House -     | Part of Lunatic Asylum      | Wilton-road.                                                                                                               |
| Griffin, James - - - -                                         | Wilton-road - -      | House and garden -          | Wilton-road.                                                                                                               |
| Harding, Frederick - - -                                       | Odessa Cottage -     | House and garden -          | Wilton-road.                                                                                                               |
| Harding, Nathaniel - - -                                       | Hurstbourn Villa -   | House and garden -          | Wilton-road.—Left the Parish.                                                                                              |
| Jackson, John Harding - -                                      | Westbourn Villa -    | House and garden -          | Wilton-road.                                                                                                               |
| Jones, William Matthew - -                                     | West End Hotel -     | House - -                   | Wilton-road.                                                                                                               |
| Kiddle, Samuel - - - -                                         | Dorset Villa - -     | House and garden -          | Wilton-road.                                                                                                               |
| King, George - - - -                                           | Church Fields - -    | House and garden -          | Church Fields.                                                                                                             |
| Leaver, William - - - -                                        | Wilton-road - -      | Sheds and Pasture -         | Broad Mead.                                                                                                                |
| Lush, John Alfred, M.D. - -                                    | Wilton-road - -      | Part of Lunatic Asylum      | Wilton-road.                                                                                                               |
| Merrick, Henry - - - -                                         | Church Fields - -    | House and garden -          | Church Fields.                                                                                                             |
| Munday, Alfred William - -                                     | Wilton-road - -      | House and garden -          | Wilton-road.                                                                                                               |
| Neale, Harry - - - -                                           | Church Fields - -    | House and garden -          | Church Fields.                                                                                                             |
| Norton, William Folkes - -                                     | Washington Cottage - | House and garden -          | Wilton-road.                                                                                                               |
| Porton, George - - - -                                         | West End Cottage -   | House and garden -          | Wilton-road.                                                                                                               |
| Roffey, Robert - - - -                                         | Mount Cottage - -    | House and garden -          | Wilton-road.                                                                                                               |
| Stanley, Robert - - - -                                        | Church Fields - -    | House and garden -          | Church Fields.                                                                                                             |
| Smith, George - - - -                                          | Westbourn Villa -    | House and garden -          | Wilton-road.                                                                                                               |
| Sinclair, James - - - -                                        | Cromwell-terrace -   | House and garden -          | Wilton-road.                                                                                                               |
| Still, George - - - -                                          | West End Cottage -   | House and garden -          | Wilton-road.                                                                                                               |
| Williams, Alfred - - - -                                       | Church Fields - -    | House and garden -          | Church Fields.                                                                                                             |
| Wilson, George Leroux - -                                      | Wilton-road - -      | House and garden -          | Wilton-road.                                                                                                               |

29 July 1867.

Robert King Crook, } Overseers of the Parish  
William Chick, } of Fisherton-Anger.

## S O U T H   S H I E L D S .

### 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

1. THE Parliamentary borough of South Shields comprises the respective townships of South Shields and Westoe. The Parliamentary and municipal boroughs are conterminous. The borough comprises an area of 1,780 acres. According to the census of 1861 its population was 35,239, and it is estimated to amount now to a little under 40,000. South Shields.

2. The borough towards the east and south comprises a considerable quantity of land unoccupied by dwellings or works, and our inquiries and inspection of localities led us to the conclusion that there is no reason for suggesting any addition, except in a westerly direction on the River Tyne, in the District of Jarrow, where a manufacturing town has arisen, with immense iron shipbuilding yards and other works. This has been created, or at least very greatly extended, since the Ordnance Survey, so that the accompanying six-inch Ordnance survey map does not show what has taken place.

3. A local board of health district has been formed there, and it is this district, subject to the modification presently mentioned, which should, we think, be added to the Parliamentary borough. Its area, exclusive of the high-water surface of Jarrow Slake, is 560 acres or thereabouts; its present estimated population is about 15,000, and the present number of inhabited houses which it contains is probably not less than 1,400, but this return, though promised, has not yet been furnished to us. Both the population and the houses are rapidly increasing, and a considerable quantity of land is laid out for building there.

4. It should be mentioned that whilst the limits of the present borough are defined as above mentioned by "The Boundary Act, 1832," the boundary as coloured in the six-inch Ordnance survey map with which we were furnished includes the whole of Jarrow Slake. Upon reference to that map it will be observed that the River Don runs through the Slake into the Tyne, and that at a point marked C. in the map its course has been altered, the ancient course of the river being also shown on the map. At our inquiry we were informed that the map as so coloured is incorrect, inasmuch as the old course of the River Don, through the Slake, has always formed the boundary of the township of Westoe, where that township borders upon it. The local authorities on both sides of the old course of the River Don claim rights over the Slake down to the margin of the Tyne, which rights as we are informed are recognised by the Crown; and, in illustration of this it may be observed, that about one-third of the Slake, and including portions of both sides of the River Don, have been reclaimed and converted into large docks which are rated, and a proportion of the rates is paid to the district of Jarrow, and the rest to the borough of South Shields. This reclamation of the Slake and construction of the docks has taken place since the Ordnance survey, and is therefore not shown on the accompanying map. If the Jarrow district be now included it will be of no moment as regards the Parliamentary borough, whether the boundary of the present Parliamentary borough was or was not correctly coloured on the accompanying map, as the whole of the Slake will be included in the borough.

5. Looking to the situation and growing importance of South Shields and of the town of Jarrow, it may be anticipated that at an early period the rest of the Slake will be reclaimed and utilised for docks or other works, and in any case we think that if the boundary of the Parliamentary borough of South Shields were now being defined for the first time, it would be natural to include the district, the addition of which we recommend.

6. At our inquiry the great majority of those present were opposed to any such addition, mainly upon the same grounds as were urged in the case of the other Tyne boroughs, and which, therefore, we need not repeat but it was further suggested that the interests of South Shields were mainly maritime, and those of Jarrow mainly manufacturing and ship building, and that South Shields has an independent custom-house port, the boundaries of which were the same as those of the borough, and that the general feeling against the union was proof of the want of community of interest between the two places, but we carefully inspected the locality and were much struck with the rising importance of Jarrow, and had no doubt whatever, in arriving at the opinion which is embodied in this Report.

7. We applied to Dr. Daglish, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, the solicitor to the Yarrow local board of health district, for a copy of the order constituting that district, and of the plan to which that order refers, and he sent to us the copy which we enclose herewith. We observe that that copy plan does not show as included in the district, the portion of the

## South Shields.

Slake which lies between the present channel of the river Don at the point C. on the accompanying Ordnance map, and the ancient course of the river there, as also shown on the map, but obviously that portion should be included in the Parliamentary borough, if the addition which we propose is adopted at all. We have tinted blue, in the accompanying six-inch Ordnance survey map, the addition we propose.

8. We therefore recommend that the Parliamentary boundary of the borough of South Shields be extended, so as to include the Jarrow local board of health district, but with an extended boundary northwards from the extreme low-water line of the River Tyne to the line of the mid-channel of that river, and should be extended also so as to include all such portions, if any, of Jarrow Slake as are between the ancient and the present courses of the River Don, and are not already included in either the borough of South Shields or the Jarrow local board of health district.

*B. C. Moody, Major Genl.  
Algernon Bathurst.*

## 2.—PETITIONS.

PETITION of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *South Shields*.

The humble Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of South Shields, in the County of Durham,

Showeth,

THAT a recommendatory Report has been made to your Honourable House by the Boundary Commissioners relating to South Shields and Jarrow respectively, in the words or to the purport and effect following, that is to say:

REPORT on the Borough of *South Shields*.

The Borough of South Shields consists of the respective townships of South Shields and Westoe.

The population in 1861 was 35,239, showing an increase of 16,483 since 1831, and was estimated in 1867 at 40,000.

The number of inhabited houses in 1861 was 4443.

The number of electors on the Register of 1865-6 was—

|                            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |       |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ occupiers | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,211 |
| Double entries             | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 98    |
| Actual number              | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,113 |

The total number of male occupiers in 1866 was 7,736, of whom 6,465 were at a rental below 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The Parliamentary and municipal boundaries are co-extensive, and comprise an area of 1,839 acres.

On the east and south the borough comprises a considerable quantity of land unoccupied by dwelling-houses or works; but on the west, on the River Tyne, in the District of Jarrow, a manufacturing town has arisen, which contains extensive iron shipbuilding yards, and other works.

A district under a local Board of Health has been formed here, the area of which, exclusive of the high-water surface of Jarrow Slake, is about 560 acres. Its present population is estimated at 15,000, and is rapidly increasing, and a considerable quantity of land is laid out for building.

Looking at the situation and growing importance of South Shields, and of the town of Jarrow, it may be anticipated that at an early period the rest of the Slake will be reclaimed and utilised for docks and other works.

The Commissioners recommend that the Parliamentary boundary of the Borough of South Shields should be extended so as to include this district.

The borough, as extended, may be described as consisting of the present Borough of South Shields, the District of Jarrow, to which "The Local Government Act, 1858," has been applied; and all portions, if any, of Jarrow Slake as are not already included either in the aforesaid borough or district.

That the recommendation is contrary to the evidence given on behalf of both South Shields and Jarrow before the Assistant Commissioners at South Shields, on the 24th September 1867, against any such junction.

That, moreover, at a meeting of the Town Council of the said borough, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, on the 4th day of March instant, the Mayor being in the chair, and of which special notice had been given to every member of the Council, the Council resolved to petition your Honourable House against the Report of the Boundary Commissioners,



Commissioners, by which they recommend the incorporation of Jarrow as part of the Parliamentary borough of South Shields.

That the inhabitants of Jarrow, and the Jarrow Local Board, are opposed to the proposed incorporation; and, as your petitioners believe, resolved to petition against it.

That in 1850 a municipal charter of incorporation was granted to South Shields, when the municipal boundary was made identical with the Parliamentary boundary.

That in 1862 the Town Council obtained jurisdiction within the same boundary for sanitary purposes.

That the present boundaries of the borough are ancient parochial boundaries, well defined and well understood.

That the boundary of the Jarrow district is arbitrary and artificial, having been marked out merely for drainage and sanitary purposes, and may be indefinitely extended westward with the increase of houses and people.

That the houses and manufactories of Jarrow do not fairly come under the description of houses, the occupiers of which, though beyond the borough boundaries, may be considered part of the town population; but that, on the contrary, Jarrow is an entirely separate town; and your petitioners humbly submit that the Commissioners should not have entertained a proposal which practically amounts to a grouping of separate towns or districts, without community of interests, to form one borough.

That the present boundary on the west is the river and valley of the Don, which is a tidal stream navigable up to Don Bridge, the valley above that point being a wide marsh with high banks, and quite unsuitable for building purposes.

That Don Bridge, where the road from South Shields to Jarrow crosses the river, is the only actual junction between the two towns, the ordinary communication between them being by railway and steamer on the river.

That the remainder of the Slake referred to by the Commissioners will never be reclaimed in any such manner as to form a continuous town between South Shields and Jarrow.

That the present borough of South Shields is of sufficient importance to entitle it to the continued enjoyment, undiminished influence, and exclusive choice of one Member of your Honourable House for the following reasons, amongst others:—

1. That its population and importance have doubled since its enfranchisement in 1832.
2. That it is now a separate port for Custom-house purposes, with a Custom-house building, and with a registry of 92,115 tons of shipping; the only ports in the United Kingdom which have a larger registry of tonnage being Liverpool, London, Glasgow, Sunderland, North Shields, and Newcastle.
3. That South Shields is the seat of the Tyne Pilotage Commissioners, who have the charge of the pilotage of the whole River Tyne, and that the largest number of those pilots reside at South Shields.
4. That South Shields is the seat of a separate Local Marine Board, at which large numbers of foreign-going sailors are annually shipped and discharged; and that during the year 1867 the amount of 12,487*l.* was paid through the Seamen's Savings Bank to the families of sailors residing in the town.
5. That the inhabitants of the Borough of South Shields have always exercised the Parliamentary franchise with perfect freedom from all suspicion of corruption; and that the pure and independent character of the constituency cannot be impugned.
6. That by the proposed change the county representation will be unfairly affected by the withdrawal of a valuable class of voters at Jarrow from the exercise of any influence or participation in the return to Parliament of the Members for the Northern Division of the county of Durham, the probable number of such voters, under the Reform Act of 1867, being 800.
7. That your petitioners apprehend that at some future, and perhaps not distant, period, the fact of the inclusion of Jarrow in the Parliamentary Borough of South Shields, will lead to a municipal as well as Parliamentary union of South Shields and Jarrow, which would cause the greatest confusion of irreconcilable interests, and would be strongly objected to by both.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will be graciously pleased not to accept or sanction the recommendations or report before mentioned of the Boundary Commissioners, or any of them, so far as regards the Borough of South Shields and the local district of Jarrow, or to grant to your petitioners such opportunity of showing their reasons against the same, as the rules of your Honourable House will permit.

Given under the common corporate seal of the Borough of South Shields aforesaid,  
by order of its Council.

[2 Signatures.]

South Shields.

PETITION of Inhabitants of *South Shields*.

The humble Petition of Inhabitants of South Shields, in the County of Durham, present at a Public Meeting held there on the 19th day of March 1868,

Showeth,

THAT the said meeting was held in pursuance of a numerously-signed requisition addressed to the Mayor, by which he was requested to convene the same for the purpose of petitioning Parliament in favour of the recommendation of the Boundary Commissioners for the incorporation of Jarrow with the Parliamentary Borough of South Shields.

That the said meeting by its resolution recognised the wisdom and advantage of the Parliamentary union of Jarrow and South Shields, as recommended by the Boundary Commissioners;

And now by this, their petition, entreat your Honourable House to approve of the same. And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Signed on behalf and by request of the meeting.

[1 Signature.]

PETITION of the Local Board of Health for the District of *Jarrow-on-Tyne*.

The humble Petition of the Local Board of Health for the District of Jarrow-on-Tyne, in the County of Durham, under their Common Seal, and the hands of five Members thereof, and the undersigned being Ratepayers or Owners of Property in the said District,

Humbly sheweth,

THAT the said Local Board of Health of your Petitioners comprises a population and rateable value as under:—

| Population.   | Rateable Value. |
|---------------|-----------------|
| About 20,000. | £. 30,245.      |

And the said Board has entire jurisdiction and control, except in cases of poor rates, within their district.

That your petitioners are informed and believe that a recommendation or report has been made to your Honourable House in the words, or to the purport and effect, following (that is to say): "That the Parliamentary boundary of the Borough of South Shields should be extended so as to include the present Borough of South Shields, the district of Jarrow, to which 'The Local Government Act, 1858,' has been applied, and all such portions (if any) of Jarrow Slake as are not already included either in the aforesaid borough or district."

That at a public meeting duly called and thoroughly made known in the district of all the rated inhabitants of the district, held on the 24th day of September 1867, the subject of an extension of the Borough of South Shields was fully discussed and unanimously disapproved of; and your Petitioners believe that an extension of the borough, so as to include the above-mentioned district, would be entirely against the wish of the ratepayers, owners of property, and inhabitants at large.

That, as your petitioners are advised and believe, the absorption of this district into the Borough of South Shields will repeal the present system of compounding for poor's rates, and compel a personal payment of rates by the occupier; and, as the rateable property of the district consists of several manufactories and a great mass of tenemented property in the occupation of workpeople, your petitioners are of opinion, from long experience, that the abolition of compounding will most materially diminish the gross amount received from rates, and greatly increase the cost of collection, thereby throwing a great additional burden upon the large and middle-class ratepayers, who will always be called upon to supply the deficiencies caused by the poverty or removal from the district of many of the greatly-increased number of small ratepayers.

That the local and district rates levied by the respective Boards are assessed upon the basis of the poor-rate, and your petitioners have reason to believe that it may be decided that the power of compounding such rates will also be abolished; and, if so, the operations of the Boards will be materially restricted, their use and efficiency for all public purposes greatly curtailed, and the expenses of management and collection proportionably increased.

That a great number of workmen and artisans in your petitioners' district have, by means of saving, and through the aid of building societies, purchased a leasehold or freehold house in which they now reside, and with a view to obtaining a county vote; but that by absorption into the borough your petitioners believe that, although it will confer a borough franchise, such property will cease to give a county vote, and thus the effect of saving and industry will be rendered for that purpose useless, and the mere payment of rates to any amount in the borough will confer an equal privilege upon the persons so paying.

That your petitioners believe that those who occupy their own property in this district would prefer keeping their present county to obtaining a new borough vote, and that any union is also objected to by those who have not yet obtained a county vote, but who would become borough voters if united; and your petitioners further believe that those rate-  
payers



payers who do not live in their own houses would not, as a rule, obtain a borough vote, owing to their migratory character, and the want of sufficient occupation and personal payment of rates.

South Shields.

That the proposed boundary is irregular, inconsistent, and unfair, as your petitioners respectfully submit, and for the following reasons:—

1. The Borough of South Shields is already of considerable size, contains 1,780 acres, and measures from north to south  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles, and from east to west  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles.

2. If a new Parliamentary boundary is formed it will not be conterminous with the parish or municipal boundary, and thereby cause great confusion and difficulty.

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4. That it is proposed to include the local government district of Jarrow-on-Tyne only. That such a boundary is arbitrary and unfair, and might with equal justice be extended from Shields to Gateshead, so as to include Hebburn and other villages which are equally near to Jarrow as it is to South Shields, and one river-side borough only created, there being continuous works in operation or projected on the foreshore throughout the entire distance between Jarrow and Gateshead, but not between Jarrow and South Shields.

5. That the effect of this arbitrary line will be, that building, which has progressed to a very great extent in your petitioners' district, will be injured, and will be driven outside the district, as there is a universal wish to escape from any possible municipal connection with the Borough of South Shields.

6. That the present boundary of the Borough of South Shields is well defined and compact, and the proposed boundary will be irregular and delusive, and lead to a different municipal and parochial boundary.

That there is not much trade or connection between your petitioners' district and South Shields, and that for the very few purposes for which the district is not sufficient, the inhabitants resort to Newcastle, which is equally easy of access by river or rail, and a much cheaper and better market, but that the town of Jarrow contains all reasonable requirements within itself; that the town of Jarrow contains a town hall, mechanics' institution, market, good shops, and in every respect is able to be self-supporting, without reliance either on Newcastle or Shields; and its inhabitants are permanent residents, without any particular connection with any other place.

That Jarrow has increased from a population of below 4,000 in 1861, to 20,000 at present.

That your petitioners also look with alarm upon the possibility of a municipal following a Parliamentary union; and they humbly express their belief that at some future period the fact of the inclusion of this district in the Parliamentary borough will be used as a strong argument, alleged for the sake of uniformity and identity, that municipal and Parliamentary boundaries should in all cases be co-extensive.

That your petitioners do now, and they believe this district always will, strongly oppose any municipal union, and for these reasons:—

1. They have at a great cost, and at much self-denial on the part of the existing ratepayers, sewered, paved, and flagged, and made all necessary improvements in their district, and are now rapidly paying off all sums borrowed for that purpose.

2. That their rates are not one-half what they are in adjoining boroughs, which your petitioners believe are largely in debt for money borrowed for works already done, and from which your petitioners could never receive any benefit, but which (if united) your petitioners would have to assist in paying off, in addition to their own debt; and

3. That your petitioners' district is managed at small cost, and to the general satisfaction of the inhabitants, by ratepayers elected and resident upon the spot, and who are necessarily well acquainted with the wants and requirements of the district; but if added to the adjoining borough they would become an outlying, and, as your petitioners believe, a neglected district.

4. That there unhappily exists in the borough of South Shields a large amount of most dilapidated property, which your petitioners believe will have to be dealt with at no distant period, by a comprehensive Town Improvement Act, which may probably materially increase the incumbered burdens of that borough; and your petitioners regard with alarm the prospect, however remote, of being required to contribute thereto, whereas the property in this district is new, and will require no repairs for many years.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will be graciously pleased not to accept the recommendations or report before mentioned, so far as regards your petitioners, or to grant to your petitioners such opportunity of showing their reasons against the same as the rules of your Honourable House will permit.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Given under the common seal of the Local Board of Health for the district of Jarrow-on-Tyne and the hands of five members thereof.

514 Signatures.



South Shields.

THIS PETITION of Manufacturers, Merchants, Shipowners, Tradesmen, and other rated Inhabitants of the Borough of South Shields, in Public Meeting assembled, at noon on Thursday, 19th March 1868,

Humbly sheweth,

THAT the Government Commission on the Boundaries of Boroughs having visited this district and wisely reported, in the opinion of your petitioners, in favour of the Parliamentary union between the Borough of South Shields and the neighbouring populous township of Jarrow, your petitioners entreat that your Right Honourable House will approve of the same.

And, as in duty bound, your Petitioners will ever pray.

461 Signatures.

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3.—MEMORIALS.

— None. —

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4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

— None. —

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## STALYBRIDGE.

## 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

Stalybridge.

THE new Parliamentary boundary of Stalybridge consists of the municipal borough of the same name, which is partly in Lancashire, and partly in Cheshire; that portion of Dukinfield township beyond the borough of Stalybridge, the township of Staly, and the district under the Local Board of Mossley, which was constituted in 1863.

The following statistics with regard to the four districts which are to constitute the new borough were furnished to us.

|                                    | Acres. | Population. | Inhabited Houses. | Rateable Value. |
|------------------------------------|--------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|                                    |        |             |                   | £.              |
| Stalybridge (Municipal) - - -      | 883    | 24,921      | 5,123             | 70,257          |
| Dukinfield (outside Stalybridge) - | 1,690  | 15,024      | 35,000            | 42,626          |
| Staly - - - - -                    | 2,128  | 2,986       | 643               | —               |
| Mossley - - - - -                  | 703    | 14,000      | 2,174             | 27,000          |

It is to be observed, that Staly does not contain two persons to an acre, and that the larger portion of the land is agricultural. There is, however, in the township, a village called Millbrook, containing mills, which is inhabited by the workpeople.

Mossley lies to the north of this village, and its inhabitants of all classes and opinions displayed the most anxious desire to be united to Stalybridge for Parliamentary purposes. The population is almost exclusively engaged in manufactures.

It is obvious that unless Staly were united with Stalybridge, it would be impossible to incorporate Mossley in the new borough by a continuous boundary. If, therefore, this union is considered indispensable, it becomes a practical necessity to include Staly within the new borough.

It was contended, however, that the municipal borough of Stalybridge was large enough at present to be entitled to a representative, and the cases of the new boroughs of Stockton with a population of 16,483, and of Darlington, with a population of 16,901, were quoted in support of this opinion.

It was also stated that Stalybridge is a separate community, and that it has no common interests with those places to which it is to be joined.

For the same reasons there was considerable opposition on the part both of Stalybridge and of Dukinfield to their proposed union. But it is to be observed, that part of the township of Dukinfield is now included in the municipal borough of Stalybridge, and inspection proved to us that it is impossible to distinguish that portion of Dukinfield which is within the municipal borough of Stalybridge from the portion which is without. The occupations of the inhabitants in both portions are identical.

On the other hand, it appears that the portion of Dukinfield outside the municipal limits is under a local Board, and upon this ground it was alleged that Dukinfield constitutes a separate community, and that it has no more connection with Stalybridge than with Ashton-under-Lyne, which adjoins Dukinfield on the west.

Taking, however, all the facts into consideration, it does not appear to us that any alteration in the temporary boundaries of the new borough is required, although it must be admitted that the inclusion of Mossley within the new borough somewhat resembles a case of grouping.

P. Cumin.  
C. G. Gordon.

Stalybridge.

## 2.—PETITIONS.

PETITION of the Local Board of Health for the District of *Dukinfield*, County of *Chester*.

THE Petition of the Local Board of Health for the district of *Dukinfield*, in the county of *Chester*,

Humbly sheweth,

THAT it is provided, amongst other things, by the "Representation of the People Act 1867," that until otherwise directed by Parliament, the borough of *Stalybridge*, which is by the said Act to send one member to Parliament, shall contain the "Municipal Borough of *Stalybridge*," the "remaining portion of the Township of *Dukinfield*," the "Township of *Staly*," and the "District of the Local Board of Health at *Mossley*."

That the Boundary Commissioners appointed by the said Act have reported to Her Majesty's principal Secretary of State for the Home Department that it is not desirable to include *Mossley* and the township of *Staly* in the said borough; and have recommended that the new borough of *Stalybridge* should consist of the municipal borough of *Stalybridge*, and that portion of the township of *Dukinfield* which is not included in the municipal borough of *Stalybridge*, except a small part of the said remaining portion of the township which is on the north side of the present course of the River *Tame*, and which, for the purpose of rectifying the boundary, is recommended to be included in the borough of *Ashton-under-Lyne*.

That a Bill has been introduced into your Honourable House to carry into effect the Report of the said Commissioners.

That in the year 1861 the municipal borough of *Stalybridge*, which is partly in *Lancashire* and partly in *Cheshire*, contained a population of 24,921, and 5,123 inhabited houses.

That the town of *Dukinfield*, which is under the jurisdiction of your Petitioners, and comprises the said remaining portion of the township of *Dukinfield*, had, in 1861, a population 15,024, and 3,500 inhabited houses.

That the number of houses in the town of *Dukinfield* has, since 1861, increased to 3,751, and the ordinary population to about 18,000.

That if the town of *Dukinfield* be included in the borough of *Stalybridge*, only about 300 persons having county qualifications in *Dukinfield* will be entitled to vote for the new division of north-east *Cheshire*; but if the said town of *Dukinfield*, being the said remaining portion of the said township of *Dukinfield*, be excluded from *Stalybridge*, about 800 persons, having their qualifications in *Dukinfield*, will be entitled to vote for the county.

That it is the almost unanimous desire of the inhabitants of *Stalybridge* and *Dukinfield*, that *Dukinfield* should not be joined to *Stalybridge*.

That the inhabitants of *Dukinfield*, at a large public meeting, mainly comprised of working men, who will be enfranchised if *Dukinfield* remains joined to *Stalybridge*, passed resolutions in opposition to *Dukinfield* being included in *Stalybridge* for Parliamentary purposes.

That this Board, representing the inhabitants of *Dukinfield*, has unanimously passed resolutions, objecting to the incorporation with *Stalybridge* for Parliamentary purposes.

That, although the district of *Dukinfield*, comprising the said remaining portion of the township, adjoins the boundary of the borough of *Stalybridge*, and although the inhabitants, like the inhabitants of *Stalybridge*, are many of them engaged in the manufacture of cotton, there is no more identity of interests between the two places than there is between any two towns in the manufacturing districts.

That the town of *Dukinfield* is an entirely separate and distinct town from the town of *Stalybridge*. *Dukinfield* has its own local government, and the *Dukinfield* Local Board has purchased, for public purposes, waterworks at a cost of 25,000 *l.*; has established a cemetery at a cost of 10,000 *l.*; and has also established a market; and, within the last 10 years, upwards of 40,000 *l.* have been expended upon street improvements, and large sums upon other improvements. *Dukinfield* has all the elements and conditions of a separate and distinct town.

That the prospects of the town, both in a Parliamentary and municipal sense, will be seriously damaged if *Dukinfield* be now joined with *Stalybridge*.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the said district of *Dukinfield*, comprising the said remaining portion of the township of *Dukinfield*, may be excluded from the said Parliamentary borough of *Stalybridge*.

5 Signatures.



PETITION of Householders resident in the Township of *Dukinfield*, within the District of the *Dukinfield Local Board of Health*.

The humble Petition of Householders resident in the township of *Dukinfield*, within the district of the *Dukinfield Local Board of Health*,

Showeth,

THAT it is provided by "The Representation of the People Act, 1867," Section 19, that each of the places named in Schedule (B) to that Act annexed shall be a borough, and, until otherwise directed by Parliament, each such borough shall comprise such places as are specified and described in connection with the name of each such borough in the said Schedule (B), and in all future Parliaments the borough of *Chelsea* named in the said schedule shall return two Members, and each of the other boroughs named in the said schedule shall return one Member to serve in Parliament.

That in the said Schedule (B) to the said Act annexed, the borough of *Stalybridge* is declared to contain the "municipal borough of *Stalybridge*," the "remaining portion of the township of *Dukinfield*," the "township of *Staly*," and the "district of the Local Board of Health of *Mossley*."

That at a large public meeting of the inhabitants of the said remaining portion of the township of *Dukinfield*, called by the chairman of the Local Board of Health, and held on the seventh day of October last, it was determined, almost unanimously, that the comprehension of the said remaining portion of the township of *Dukinfield*, in the Parliamentary borough of *Stalybridge*, was undesirable, and a deputation was appointed to represent the views of the inhabitants before the boundary Commissioners.

That the said remaining portion of the township of *Dukinfield* has no community of interest with any of the other places declared in the said schedule to be comprised in the Parliamentary borough of *Stalybridge*.

That the said remaining portion of the township of *Dukinfield* is governed by a Local Board of Health, that it has a cemetery, gasworks, waterworks, churches and chapels, schools, and other educational institutions peculiar to itself. That petty sessions and fairs are regularly held. That the said Local Board of Health has purchased ground for a market, and that the necessary works are in progress.

That, although there are several roads connecting the inhabited portion of the said remaining portion of the township of *Dukinfield* and the borough of *Stalybridge*, there is only one that can be called a street, namely, *Oxford Road*, and the lines of houses in that are only partially continuous.

That the number of houses in the said remaining portion of the township of *Dukinfield* is 3,571, and that, in consequence of the late depression in trade, only 3,019 are now occupied, and that of these, 2,743 are under, and 267 are above, the rateable value of 12 *l.*, and that the total rateable value amounts to 42,626 *l.* 18 *s.*; that the boundaries of the said remaining portion of the township of *Dukinfield* contain 1,263 acres of land, and that the population of the said remaining portion of said township amounts to 15,024.

That 2,556 householders residing in the said remaining portion of the township of *Dukinfield* are entitled to be registered as voters in the said Parliamentary borough of *Stalybridge*.

That not more than 300 persons holding their qualification in the said remaining portion of the township of *Dukinfield* are entitled to be registered as voters in the northern division of the county of *Chester* created by the said Act.

That if the said remaining portion of the township of *Dukinfield* should be excluded from the Parliamentary borough of *Stalybridge*, upwards of 800 persons would be entitled to be registered as voters in the said northern division of the said county.

That the populations of the boroughs of *Darlington* and *Stockton* created by the said Act amount respectively to 16,901 and 16,483. That the population of the said remaining portion of the township of *Dukinfield* already amounts to 15,024; that there are 552 unoccupied houses in the said remaining portion of the said township, and that with the revival in trade the population will rapidly increase in the proportion of about 3,000.

That the Parliamentary borough of *Stalybridge* created by the said Act extends in one direction (namely, from the eastern boundary of the said district of the Local Board of Health of *Mossley* to the western boundary of the said remaining portion of the township of *Dukinfield*) seven miles, and that the western boundary of the said remaining portion of the township of *Dukinfield* is distant two miles from the western boundary of the said municipal borough of *Stalybridge*, and that the said remaining portion of the township of *Dukinfield* is most thickly peopled in the neighbourhood of its western boundary.

That the corporation of *Stalybridge* and the inhabitants generally are opposed to the extension as declared by the said Act.

Wherefore, your Petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to exclude the said township of *Dukinfield* within the limits of the *Dukinfield Local Board of Health* referred to in "The Representation of the People Act, 1867" as the "remaining portion of the township of *Dukinfield*," from the Parliamentary borough of *Stalybridge*.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

767 Signatures.

Stalybridge.

PETITION of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Stalybridge*.

The humble Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Stalybridge*, in the Counties Palatine of Lancaster and Chester;

Showeth,

THAT previous to the passing of "The Representation of the People Act 1867" the municipal borough of *Stalybridge* was one of the largest unrepresented boroughs in England.

That the inhabitants of the said borough are extensively engaged in commercial pursuits.

That in the year 1857 the said borough obtained a charter of incorporation, and subsequently Her Majesty was pleased to grant to it a separate commission of the peace.

That the said municipal borough of *Stalybridge* comprises an area of about 883 acres, and the population thereof, according to the last census, was 24,921.

That the number of houses rated to the relief of the poor is 5,119, and the annual value of the property within the said borough is 70,275 *l*.

That the municipal borough of *Stalybridge* is the terminus of three important railways, and contains five churches, 10 chapels, a mechanics' institute, an educational institute, and other buildings for religious and educational purposes.

That the Parliamentary borough of *Stalybridge* created by the said Act is therein declared to comprise the municipal borough of *Stalybridge*, the remaining portion of the township of *Dukinfield*, the township of *Staly*, and the district of the Local Board of Health of *Mossley*; but Her Majesty's Boundary Commissioners by their report have recommended that the Parliamentary borough of *Stalybridge* shall comprise only the municipal borough of *Stalybridge* and the remaining portion of the township of *Dukinfield*.

That the remaining portion of the township of *Dukinfield* referred to in the said Act and Report comprises the whole of the district of the Local Board of Health of *Dukinfield* which has no connection whatever with the government of the municipal borough of *Stalybridge*.

That, upon the inquiry held by the Assistant Boundary Commissioners, your Petitioners and the Local Board of Health of *Dukinfield* respectively objected to the remaining portion of the township of *Dukinfield* being included in the Parliamentary borough of *Stalybridge*, and the inhabitants generally of both places are strongly opposed to such an union.

That your Petitioners beg respectfully to submit that the municipal borough of *Stalybridge*, from its size, population, and commercial importance, is entitled to have a representative Member of its own.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to confine the Parliamentary boundary of the said borough of *Stalybridge* to the limits of the present municipal boundary thereof.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

1 Signature.

PETITION of the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Stalybridge*.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the borough of *Stalybridge*, in the Counties Palatine of Lancaster and Chester,

Humbly sheweth,

THAT the borough of *Stalybridge*, previous to the passing of "The Representation of the People's Act 1867," was one of the largest unrepresented boroughs in the kingdom.

That the inhabitants of the said borough are extensively engaged in commercial and manufacturing pursuits.

That the said municipal borough, according to the census of 1861, contained a population of 24,291; and, in accordance with the increase of the population during the ten years previous to the census of 1861, there will now be a population of nearly 30,000, and the said borough comprises an area of 883 acres.

That the number of cotton factories is 41, iron foundries five, bobbin turning establishments six, and according to the census of 1861, the number of dwelling-houses was 5,119; value of property 70,275 *l*. annually. There are now 5,420 houses, and the present gross estimated rental 72,000 *l*.

That the municipal borough of *Stalybridge* contains five churches, 10 chapels, a mechanics' institute, an educational institute, and other buildings used for educational and religious purposes.

That the municipal borough of *Stalybridge* has extensive gas works, a large market hall, and, in course of completion, expansive waterworks, none of which are in any way connected with the township of *Dukinfield*, which is under the government of the Local Board of Health.

That Her Majesty's Boundary Commissioners, by their Report, have recommended that the Parliamentary borough of *Stalybridge* shall comprise "the municipal borough of *Stalybridge*, and the remaining portion of the township of *Dukinfield*."

That that part of the township of *Dukinfield*, referred to in the said Report, comprises the



the whole district of the Local Board of Health of Dukinfield, and has no connection with the borough of Stalybridge.

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That almost the entire population of the borough of Stalybridge and the township of Dukinfield is utterly opposed to the annexation of Dukinfield to the Parliamentary borough.

That your Petitioners respectfully submit that the municipal borough of Stalybridge, from its great wealth, its commercial importance, its size and population, is justly entitled to have a representative of its own.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to confine the Parliamentary boundary of the said borough to the limits of the present municipal borough.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

752 Signatures.

PETITION of Working Men, being Inhabitants of *Dukinfield*.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Working Men, being Inhabitants of Dukinfield,

Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners view with the most serious alarm the intention of some individuals, who, for mere partisan purposes, are attempting to prevent the continuance of the annexation of the township of Dukinfield to the new borough of Stalybridge.

That your Petitioners consider the boundary for the Parliamentary borough of Stalybridge, as marked out by the Boundary Commissioners, is in every respect well defined, and calculated to give general satisfaction to the inhabitants, especially of the township of Dukinfield.

That your Petitioners can assure your Honourable House that we, the undersigned, hail with the greatest satisfaction the franchise which has been conferred upon us in connection with Stalybridge, and should view the disannexation of the portion of the borough, denominated the township of Dukinfield, from the proposed borough with feelings of the utmost concern and dissatisfaction.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honourable House not to agree to the disannexation of the township of Dukinfield from the borough of Stalybridge.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

178 Signatures.

PETITION of Working Men and others, being Inhabitants of *Dukinfield*.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled:

The humble Petition of the undersigned Working Men, and others, being Inhabitants of Dukinfield.

Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners considering that Stalybridge is formed principally out of the township of Dukinfield, only a small portion being in Lancashire, that the streets are continuous, that the population in Dukinfield has increased considerably, and as both the Cheshire side of Stalybridge and Dukinfield are alike contributory to all the parochial assessments, being under the same overseer, we consider the boundary as proposed by the Boundary Commissioners to be well defined and satisfactory, and that the two should form one Parliamentary borough.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honourable House that the boundary of the borough of Stalybridge as set forth may be approved of.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

177 Signatures.

3.—MEMORIALS.

— None. —



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## 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

LETTER from the Right Hon. *T. Milner Gibson*, M.P., addressed to Mr. *H. A. Bruce*, M.P.,  
a Member of the Committee.

My dear Bruce,

5, Hyde Park-place, Cumberland Gate,  
London, W.

I AM requested to send a verified copy of the Stalybridge statement.  
I find, however, from the notice that Stalybridge is not among the boroughs to be taken  
to-day.

Yours, &c.  
(signed) *Thos. Milner Gibson*.

Dear Sir,

Ashton-under-Lyne, 23 May 1868.

The Boundary Committee.

SINCE sending off the printed statements, it has occurred to us that it would be as well  
to send you a copy to lay before the Committee, verified by the signatures of Mr. Buckley,  
the Town Clerk of Stalybridge, and of our Mr. Brooks, as Clerk to the Dukinfield Board.  
We enclose same.

To the Right Honourable  
Thomas Milner Gibson, M.P.  
3, Hyde Park-terrace, Cumberland Gate,  
London, W.

Yours, &c.  
(signed) *Brooks, Marshall & Brooks*.

## BOUNDARY BILL.

New Borough of Stalybridge.

To the Select Committee on Boundaries.

ON behalf of the Town Council of the municipal borough of Stalybridge and the  
Dukinfield Local Board of Health, we have the honour to submit, as on the other side,  
copies of the petitions\* sent by these local authorities against Dukinfield being included in  
the new Parliamentary Borough of Stalybridge; and we beg respectfully to ask that  
Dukinfield, as well as Mossley and Staly, may be excluded.

The reasons why Dukinfield should not be included in the new borough are set  
forth in the petitions; but we beg particularly to call your attention to the following  
points:—

Stalybridge and Dukinfield are in every respect separate and distinct towns.

The municipal borough of Stalybridge has recently had its boundaries defined by the  
Charter of Incorporation granted in 1857, and is a large, important, compact, and complete  
town, having a population in 1861 of 24,921, and 5,123 inhabited houses; and the present  
gross estimated rental of property is 70,275 *l*.

Stalybridge has its separate bench of magistrates, police force, market, waterworks, and  
other municipal institutions, in none of which Dukinfield is interested.

The town of Dukinfield is a separate and distinct town, having in 1861 a population  
of 15,024, with 3,500 inhabited houses, and having a present population of about 18,000,  
with all the elements of municipal life complete within itself. It has a separate local  
government, waterworks, cemetery, market, and other municipal institutions; and the  
local Board have passed a resolution to petition Her Majesty for the grant of a Charter of  
Incorporation.

There is no greater community of interest or identity of pursuits between Dukinfield and  
Stalybridge than there is between either of those places and any other town in the cotton  
manufacturing districts; and if those principles are to govern, the whole of the Hundred  
of Salford should be converted into one vast borough, and the greater part of the Hundred of  
Macclesfield, in which Dukinfield is situate, should be another; and although along one  
road the line of buildings between the two places is almost continuous, the principal part of  
Dukinfield is a long way from Stalybridge, and the Commissioners admit in their report  
relative to Manchester, that it is impossible, in these manufacturing districts, to define the  
boundaries of boroughs with reference to continuity of buildings.

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\* These Petitions are printed on pages 260 and 262.

The inhabitants of both Stalybridge and Dukinfield are very much opposed to Dukinfield being included, and have sent petitions from large meetings against it, in addition to the petitions of the local authorities; and it is respectfully urged that Stalybridge alone is in accordance with the well known principles of the constitution entitled to separate representation, being a large and influential municipal town.

The Local Board and the inhabitants of Dukinfield greatly fear that if their town be included with Stalybridge, their municipal prospects and their legitimate Parliamentary influence will be very seriously damaged, and they are unable to perceive any reasons why they should be so included against their will.

We have, &c.

(signed) *N. Buckley,*

Town Clerk of Stalybridge.

(signed) *John Brooks,*

Clerk to the Dukinfield Local Board of Health.

23 May 1868.

Stalybridge.





## TYNEMOUTH AND NORTH SHIELDS.

### 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

1. THE Parliamentary borough of Tynemouth and North Shields consists of the townships of Tynemouth, North Shields, Chirton, Preston, and Cullercoats. The boundaries of the Parliamentary and the municipal borough are conterminous, and comprise an area of about 4,301 acres, with a population which, according to the census of 1861, then amounted to 34,021, and it is estimated to amount at present to about 38,100.

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2. The borough towards the north and north-west comprises a considerable quantity of agricultural land, and our inquiries and inspection of localities led us to the conclusion that there is no reason to suggest any addition except in a westerly direction in the districts of Howdon Pans and Willington, which are on the River Tyne, and immediately adjoin the borough, and, to the extent of the area presently described, should, we think, be included in it on account of the extension there of manufactories, works, ship-building yards, and dwellings. The Newcastle and North Shields and Tynemouth Railway also passes through the portion proposed to be added. Its area is rather over 300 acres; its present population may be estimated at 8,000, and the number of inhabited houses is, as we were informed, 682; but we doubt the correctness of this information, and think the number is under estimated.

3. A portion of the borough at and around Coble Dean, and between Howdon and North Shields proper, forms a gap in the otherwise continuous line of occupation between the two places. This arises chiefly from the want of proper communications, but it appeared to us that the delay in forming these arose in great measure from local causes which will be removed. It further appeared to us that the requirements of the extensive manufacturing and colliery interests of the district and neighbourhood will in due time cause to be realised proposals which were formerly entertained for the construction of docks at Coble Dean. As soon as that day arrives, the space intervening between Howdon and North Shields proper will be rapidly and extensively occupied, but, even without these docks, the construction of proper communications must of itself create such occupation; and we think that if the boundary of the Parliamentary borough were now being defined for the first time, it would be natural to include the area the addition of which we propose.

4. Such addition was indeed opposed, but not unanimously, at our public inquiry, mainly upon grounds similar to those with which we have dealt in the cases of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead, and which, therefore, we do not further notice here.

5. Willington Quay and Howdon Pans have each a local board of health district, and the boundary which we suggest will include them both, and it is a convenient and well-defined one, and continuous with the present borough.

6. We therefore recommend that the Parliamentary borough of Tynemouth and North Shields should be extended, so as to include an area which we have tinted blue on the accompanying six-inch Ordnance survey map and which is within a boundary described as follows, that is to say, commencing at the mid-channel of the River Tyne, at a point opposite Willington Gut (and which is marked A. in the accompanying six-inch Ordnance survey map), and proceeding thence up to and along the course of Willington Gut, to the point where the Boundary of the Township of Willington crosses near Willington Bridge, the south side of the high road from Newcastle-upon-Tyne to Tynemouth; thence, easterly, along the south side of the said high road to where it crosses the boundary of the present Parliamentary borough of Tynemouth and North Shields; thence, southerly, along the said boundary until it reaches the mid-channel of the River Tyne (at the point B., the said map); and thence, westerly, along the mid-channel of the River Tyne to the point first named.

*B. C. Moody, Major Genl.  
Algernon Bathurst.*

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North Shields.

## 2.—PETITIONS.

PETITION of the Local Board of Health for the district of *Willington Quay*, and the Local Board of Health for the district of *Howdon*, County of *Northumberland*.

THE humble Petition of the Local Board of Health for the district of Willington Quay, and the Local Board of Health for the district of Howdon, both in the county of Northumberland, under their common seals, and the hands of five members thereof respectively; and the undersigned being ratepayers or owners of property in the said districts respectively,

Humbly sheweth,

That the two Local Boards of Health of your Petitioners adjoin each other, and comprise a population and rateable value as under:

|                           | Population. | Rateable Value. |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Willington Quay - - - - - | 6,000       | £. 9,600        |
| Howdon - - - - -          | 2,000       | £. 1,812        |

and the said respective boards have entire jurisdiction and control, except in cases of poor rates, within their respective districts.

That your Petitioners are informed and believe that a recommendation or Report has been made to your Honourable House in the words, or to the purport and effect following, that is to say:—

Tynemouth and North Shields. A portion of the borough at and around Coble Dene, and between Howdon and North Shields proper, forms a gap in the otherwise continuous line of occupation between the two places. Willington Quay and Howdon Pans have each a local board of health, and contain an area of rather more than 300 acres, and an estimated population of 8,000. The Commissioners recommend that these districts should be included within the borough. The borough, as extended, may be described as consisting of the present Borough of Tynemouth and North Shields, and the space included within the present boundary of the borough, and the following boundary, that is to say, from the point of the present boundary on the River Tyne, opposite Willington Gut, up Willington Gut to the point at which the Boundary of the township of Willington, near Willington Bridge, crosses the high road from Newcastle-upon-Tyne to Tynemouth; thence eastward along the said high road to the point at which it crosses the present boundary of the Borough.

That at a public meeting, duly called and thoroughly made known in the district, of all the rated inhabitants of the two districts, held on 4th November 1867, the subject of an extension of the Borough of Tynemouth was fully discussed and unanimously disapproved of; nor was there a single motion or expression in its favour; and your Petitioners believe that an extension of the Borough, so as to include the above-mentioned two districts, or either of them, or any part of either, would be entirely against the wish of the ratepayers, owners of property, and inhabitants at large.

That, as your Petitioners are advised and believe, the absorption of these districts into the Borough of Tynemouth will repeal the present system of compounding for poor rates, and compel a personal payment of rates by the occupier; and, as the rateable property of the district consists of several manufactories, and a great mass of tenemented property, in the occupation of workpeople, principally of the class of labourers, and not skilled workmen, your Petitioners are of opinion, from long experience, that the abolition of compounding will most materially diminish the gross amount received from rates, and greatly increase the cost of collection, thereby throwing a great additional burden upon the large and middle-class ratepayers, who will always be called upon to supply the deficiencies caused by the poverty or removal from the district of many of the greatly increased number of small ratepayers.

That the local and district rates levied by the respective boards are assessed upon the basis of the poor rate, and your Petitioners have reason to believe that it may be decided that the power of compounding such rates will also be abolished; and if so, the operations of the boards will be materially restricted, their use and efficiency for all public purposes greatly curtailed, and the expenses of management and collection proportionably increased.

That your Petitioners believe that a very small addition (if any) will be made to the number of county voters in these districts by the provisions of the Reform Bill of 1867. And your Petitioners further believe that those ratepayers who do not live in their own houses, would not, as a rule, obtain a Borough vote, owing to their migratory character, and the want of sufficient occupation and personal payment of rates.

That the proposed Boundary is irregular, inconsistent, and unfair, as your Petitioners respectfully submit, and for the following reasons:—

1. The Borough of Tynemouth is already of great size, 4,119 acres, and measures from north to south, from Cullercoats to Whitehill Point, four miles, and from east to west, from Tynemouth to the boundary, four miles; and far the largest part is strictly agricultural, which is shown by the fact that the lighted district of the borough is 840 acres, and the unlighted 3,279 acres.

2. The existing Parliamentary boundary of the borough on the west was evidently made so as to be conterminous with the municipal and parish boundaries, and to prevent two parallel boundaries, and apparently for that reason only, its being far to the westward of any probable extension of the inhabited borough in that direction; and,

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3. If a new Parliamentary boundary is formed the same objection will arise, as it will not be continuous with the parish or municipal boundary, and it will pass into parts of two distinct and self-supporting townships, namely Willington Quay and Howdon, and thereby cause great confusion and difficulty in the collection and compounding of poor rates in the residue, and will leave the larger portion of the township of Willington (not within the district of the local board) under a distinct and different authority.

4. That the distance (mostly unoccupied and agricultural) in a direct line from the west end of Willington Quay to the nearest part of the lighted district of the Borough of Tynemouth is 5,280 yards, or three miles, between which there is a ravine called Coble Dene, and it is almost impossible that this space can ever be built upon, or any actual union take place.

5. That it is proposed to draw a line through the township of Willington, nearly parallel with the riverside, and so as to include the riverside works and manufactories. That such line is arbitrary and unfair, and might with equal justice be extended from Shields to Newcastle, and one riverside borough only created, there being continuous works in operation or projected on the foreshore throughout the entire distance.

6. That the effect of this arbitrary line will be that the building which has already commenced north of it will proceed, and the building south of it, in your Petitioners' district, will be injured, as there is a universal wish to escape from any connection with the borough.

7. That the present boundary of the borough is well-defined and compact, and the proposed boundary will be irregular and delusive, and lead to a different municipal and parochial boundary.

That there is little or no trade or connection between your Petitioners' districts and Tynemouth; and that for such purposes, as the districts themselves are not sufficient, the inhabitants resort to Newcastle, which is easier of access, and a much better and cheaper market.

That your Petitioners also look with alarm upon the possibility of a Municipal following a Parliamentary union; and they humbly express their belief that at some future period the fact of the inclusion of these districts in the Parliamentary borough will be used as a strong argument, alleged for the sake of uniformity and identity, that municipal and Parliamentary boundaries should in all cases be co-extensive.

That your Petitioners do now, and they believe this district always will, strongly oppose any municipal union, and for these reasons:—

1. They have at a great cost, and at much self-denial on the part of the existing ratepayers, sewered, paved, and flagged, and made all necessary improvements in their districts, and are now rapidly paying off all sums borrowed for that purpose.

2. That their rates are not one-half what they are in adjoining Boroughs, which your Petitioners believe are largely in debt for money borrowed for works already done, and from which your Petitioners could never derive any benefit, but which, if united, your Petitioners would have to assist in paying off, in addition to their own debt; and,

3. That your Petitioners' districts are managed at small cost, and to the general satisfaction of the inhabitants, by ratepayers elected, and resident upon the spot, and who are necessarily well acquainted with the wants and requirements of the districts; but, if added to the adjoining borough, they would become an outlying, and, as your Petitioners believe, a neglected district.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your honourable House will be graciously pleased not to accept the recommendations or Report before mentioned, so far as regards your Petitioners, or to grant to your Petitioners such opportunity of showing their reasons against the same as the rules of your Honourable House will permit.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Given under the common seal of the Local Board of Health for the district of Willington Quay, and the hands of five members thereof.

126 Signatures.

PETITION of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of  
*Newcastle-upon-Tyne.*

The humble Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in council assembled, under their common seal,

Humbly sheweth,

1. That your Petitioners are the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses of the borough of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and, as such, all corporation estates are vested in them.

2. That your Petitioners are informed and believe that a recommendation or report has been made to your Honourable House, in the words or to the purport and effect following, that is to say: "Tynemouth and North Shields, a portion of the borough at and around Coble Dene, and between Howdon and North Shields proper, forms a gap in the otherwise continuous line of occupation between the two places, Willington Quay and Howdon Pans, have each a local board of health, and contain an area of rather more than 300 acres, and an estimated population of 8,000. The Commissioners recommend that these districts should be included within the borough; the borough, as extended, may be described as consisting of the present borough of Tynemouth and North Shields, and the space included



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within the present borough and the following boundary, that is to say: from the point of the present boundary on the River Tyne, opposite Willington Gut, up Willington Gut to the point at which the boundary of the township of Willington, near Willington Bridge, crosses the high road from Newcastle-upon-Tyne to Tynemouth, thence eastward along the said high road to the point at which it crosses the present boundary of the borough."

3. That your Petitioners are owners of a large part of the freehold of Willington Quay, one of the districts proposed to be added to the Parliamentary borough.

4. That your Petitioners have leased out, and are continuing to lease out, portions of their estate.

5. That your Petitioners are informed, and believe, that the owners of property and rate-payers are entirely and unanimously opposed to the proposed recommendations.

6. That your Petitioners as landlords are opposed to an extension of the Parliamentary borough of Tynemouth, so far as to include the said district of Willington Quay.

7. That, among other reasons, the said owners and ratepayers, and your Petitioners, allege that the powers of compounding for poor rates in the residue of the parish of Wallsend will be abolished, and the almost certainty that a municipal will follow a Parliamentary union, and that the rates will thereby be largely increased.

8. That if such results do follow, your Petitioners' property will necessarily and materially suffer, and building operations be greatly retarded.

9. That there is no sufficient ground for the incorporation of Wellington Quay within the borough of Tynemouth, there being a perfect separation between the two places, and the occupations and business of the two places being entirely separate and distinct.

10. That no public interest will be advanced, or advantage derived from such inclusion, the more particularly that it would be in opposition to the wishes of nearly every rated inhabitant of Willington Quay.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray, that your Honourable House will be graciously pleased not to accept the recommendations or report before mentioned.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Given under the common seal of the mayor, aldermen and burgesses of the borough of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, this first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

(Seal.)

PETITION of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Tynemouth*.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Tynemouth, in council assembled,

Showeth,

THAT by the "Boundaries of Boroughs Bill," now before your Honourable House, it is proposed, in pursuance of the recommendation of the Commissioners appointed by your Honourable House in last Session, to annex to the Parliamentary Borough of Tynemouth the adjoining suburban districts called Howdon and Willington Quay.

That such districts are densely populated, and are exclusively of a town character, and from their position and relations with the existing Borough of Tynemouth, may, with great advantage both to these districts themselves and to the existing Borough of Tynemouth, be added to and form a part of the said Parliamentary Borough.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray, that your Honourable House will be graciously pleased to annex to the existing Parliamentary Borough of Tynemouth the adjacent districts of Howdon and Willington Quay.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Given under the common corporate seal of the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses, of the Borough of Tynemouth, the twenty-fourth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

*Thos. C. Lietch*, Town Clerk.

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### 3.—MEMORIALS.

— None. —

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### 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

— None. —

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## WARWICK.

Warwick.

## 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

THE Parliamentary borough of Warwick consists of the two parishes of St. Mary and St. Nicholas. Its boundaries of the Parliamentary and municipal boroughs are identical. Precinct of borough.

The borough comprises 5,410 acres, of which 5,100 acres are purely agricultural, and likely to remain so. Its contents and progress.

There has been but little increase of town within the borough for many years.

The number of inhabited houses in 1851 was about 2,375; in 1861 about 2,488. They are now computed at 2,885, with a population of 11,000.

Within two miles of the borough is the town of Leamington, situated for the most part in the parish of Leamington Priors, but rapidly extending into the neighbouring parishes of Milverton and Lillington. Town of Leamington.

The population of Leamington in 1861 was 19,277. It is now computed at 23,542.

At our public inquiry it was stated that the interests of the towns of Leamington and Warwick are identical, and that the majority of the electors of Warwick desired the extension of the boundaries so as to include both towns in one borough; and it was suggested that the extension should include the parishes of Leamington Priors, Milverton, and Lillington. Proposed additions to borough.

On the other hand, the extension was opposed on the ground that the two towns have interests in trade which are essentially different, Warwick being considered an agricultural centre, and Leamington a fashionable watering-place. It was, however, admitted that sales of fat cattle take place at both towns, that there is frequent trade and other communication between them, the towns being connected by a high road lighted throughout by gas. Objections to extension.

We agree with those who consider the two towns to have a common interest in the county, and therefore recommend the extension of the borough as proposed to us. Recommendation.

The additions would comprise about 4,270 inhabited houses, and 23,542 population.

We propose the boundaries of the future borough shall contain the present borough of Warwick and the parishes of Leamington Priors, Milverton, and Lillington. Proposed boundary.

*E. W. Ward.*

*John L. Wharton.*

## 2.—PETITIONS.

## PETITION of Inhabitants of the Borough of Warwick.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the Borough of Warwick,

Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners have read with feelings of surprise and regret the Boundary Bill now before your honourable House, whereby it is proposed to annex the three parishes of Leamington Priors, Milverton, and Lillington to Warwick, for the purpose of Parliamentary representation.

That Warwick is an ancient borough and county town, and is mainly dependent on its surrounding agricultural districts: while Leamington Priors, with its suburbs in Milverton and Lillington, is a modern, fashionable watering place, mainly dependent for its prosperity upon pleasure or health-seeking visitors.

That, while Warwick has a population of about 11,000, the population of the three parishes of Leamington Priors, Milverton, and Lillington is more than double that number, and that such annexation, therefore, would virtually amount to a disfranchisement of the present borough of Warwick.

That your Petitioners are advised and believe that "The Representation of the People Act, 1867," sec. 48, in providing that inquiry should be made into the boundaries of every borough with a view to ascertain whether the boundaries should be enlarged, so as to include within the limits of the borough all premises which ought, due regard being had to situation or other local circumstances, to be included therein, never contemplated by the term premises such an enlargement as to include separate and distinct towns which would partake of the nature of grouping; but that the intention of the Legislature pointed to



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boroughs which, from an increase in their population and other circumstances, had outgrown their ancient Parliamentary limits, in which case their boundaries were to be extended by the taking in of such outgrowth, connected as it would be with the borough, and undistinguished from it in every sense except as regards the Parliamentary franchise.

That, while such an extension as that last mentioned would be just and proper, your Petitioners consider that the one proposed by the present Bill with regard to the borough of Warwick is a manifest injustice, inasmuch as there is no community of interests between that borough and the parishes of Leamington Priors, Milverton, and Lillington, which are in no way the outgrowth of Warwick, but form an entirely separate and distinct town with separate and distinct local governments.

That your Petitioners have been informed and believe that in no other instance is it proposed to annex to a city or borough another and distinct town exceeding such city or borough in population.

Your Petitioners, therefore, earnestly pray that the present well-defined boundaries of the borough of Warwick, which fully include the town of Warwick and all its suburbs, may not be interfered with.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

472 Signatures.

PETITION of the Inhabitant Householders in *Leamington Priors, Milverton, and Lillington*, in the County of *Warwick*.

The humble Petition of the Inhabitant Householders in Leamington Priors, Milverton, and Lillington, in the County of Warwick,

Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners have learnt with deep regret that the Boundary Commissioners recommend the parishes of Leamington Priors, Milverton, and Lillington should, for representation to Parliament, be annexed to the borough of Warwick.

The town of Leamington, which, by Her Majesty's charter, is called the Royal Leamington Spa, is chiefly within the parish of Leamington Priors, but has slightly overflowed into the two adjoining parishes of Milverton and Lillington.

Royal Leamington Spa was never a suburb, or any part of or an outflowing from the borough of Warwick, but is, and always has been, quite a separate and distinct town.

Warwick is not an increasing town. Its population at the census in 1861 was 10,570, which is less than what it was in 1851, and it is probably not more now.

The population of Leamington (including the aforesaid parts of Milverton and Lillington) was about 19,300, and is now estimated at considerably upwards of 20,000, and is rapidly increasing.

The two towns are fully two miles apart. The nearest suburbs do not meet together, but there is a quarter of a mile or more of open country between them.

A very large part of the parish of Leamington Priors, and nearly the whole of the parishes of Milverton and Lillington are agricultural districts, stretching into the country several miles further from Warwick; 19-20ths or more of the three parishes consist of farming land.

Your Petitioners humbly submit that the Royal Leamington Spa cannot be incorporated into the old borough of Warwick by any fair adjustment of the boundaries of that borough, and that it was not within the province of the Boundary Commission to recommend such an incorporation.

Your Petitioners submit the union of the two towns can only be effected by the principle of "grouping," a principle which was condemned by your honourable House in the year 1866.

Your Petitioners submit that, even if the principle of grouping were admitted, the two towns ought not even to be grouped together, because no two towns are more dissimilar and have less community of interest.

The old borough of Warwick has existed as the capital of the county from time immemorial. Its importance entirely depends on its being the capital and the centre of the county. It has numerous fairs, and a weekly market, attended by farmers and others from the whole county. It has no manufactures or staple trade, but is essentially connected with the agricultural interests of the country. It has a corporation and many charities. It is a stationary town of old associations.

Royal Leamington Spa is a town of modern growth, increasing at the rate of about 3,000 in every 10 years. It has no corporation nor charities, no fairs nor markets, and no connection with the surrounding country, nor with the agricultural interests. It is a watering-place, the resort of invalids and men of pleasure and fashion, unconnected with trade, manufactures, or agriculture. Although geographically near to Warwick, no two towns 100 miles apart have less in common. It is desirable that distinctive and peculiar towns should have individual representation, and if two Members are allotted to Leamington and Warwick, it would be better to give one to each.

But the annexation of Leamington to Warwick, as now proposed, is still more objectionable than grouping the two towns, for, if grouped, the Members would in some way appear to be partly the representatives of Leamington; but if Leamington is absorbed in Warwick, as is proposed, by extending the boundaries of that town, the two Members will simply be as heretofore the Members for Warwick.

We



We respectfully submit it is unjust for Leamington, with upwards of 20,000 inhabitants, to be absorbed and swallowed up in Warwick, which is not half its size.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that the proposed annexation of the two towns may not be sanctioned by your Honourable House, or that, if decreed, the representatives may in future be called the Members for Leamington and Warwick, or that one Member may be given to each town.

Warwick.

879 Signatures.

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3.—MEMORIALS.

— None. —

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4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

— None. —

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## W I G A N.

Wigan.

## 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

THE borough of Wigan is described in Schedule (O.) of the Boundary Act, of 1832, as "The Township of Wigan."

This area and the boundary including it are coloured pink on the Ordnance Map supplied to us.

The Parliamentary and Municipal Boundaries are the same.

There is a Local Board of Health for the borough. This board is authorised by two Acts passed in 1853 and 1860 respectively, to supply the municipal borough with water.

The borough of Wigan and places adjacent are supplied with gas by a company, under "The Wigan Gas Act, 1861;" but the limits of this Act are too extensive to afford any assistance in this inquiry.

A special meeting of the Town Council was held in reference to our inquiry, at which it was resolved not to recommend any extension of the borough boundary. This resolution was carried by a majority of 13 to 10, the minority being of opinion that there is a considerable population on the outskirts of the town homogeneous with the inhabitants of the town, and entitled, according to the spirit of the new Representation Act, to admission within the Parliamentary borough.

No definite scheme of enlargement was proposed to us.

The borough of Wigan is bounded on the north by the township of Standish-cum-Langtree, coloured burnt-umber by us on the Ordnance Map, and the township of Haigh, coloured yellow; to the east by the township of Aspull, coloured brown; to the south and west by the township of Ince-in-Makerfield, coloured green, and the township of Pemberton, coloured pink by us on the same Map.

The township of Pemberton, according to the last census, contains a population of 6,870, and allowing an average of five persons to a house, about 1,350 inhabited houses. The population is said to have grown at an even rate throughout the township.

The township of Ince, according to the last census, contains a population of 8,266, and therefore about 1,600 inhabited houses. The most populous part is on the edge of the borough, within the line coloured blue by us on the Ordnance Map.

We received a Memorial, marked B, and annexed to this report, signed by about 73 inhabitants and ratepayers of the township of Pemberton, and adopted at a public meeting, praying that no extension of the borough of Wigan might be made to include the township of Pemberton, or any part thereof, on the three following grounds:—

1. That the township, though adjoining the western boundary of Wigan, is entirely unconnected in trade with Wigan, and derives no benefit or advantage from its proximity to Wigan.

2. That the township has for some years, under the direction of a Board of Highways, been greatly improved by the reconstruction and improvement of the highways, and that the sanitary condition has been attended to.

3. That the population of the township is employed at the various cotton mills and collieries of the place, and has no desire to be included in the constituency of the borough of Wigan.

We received a Memorial also from certain inhabitants and ratepayers of the township of Hindley, praying that the township of Hindley and every part of it might remain unaffected by any alteration made in the boundaries of Wigan. The township of Hindley, coloured by us purple on the Ordnance Map, is separated from Wigan by the township of Ince, and is too far removed to need further remark.

The township of Ince has a Local Board, under the Local Government Act. The Clerk to the Board stated that the inhabitants had not taken any steps in reference to their being included within the borough, and that he believed the general feeling was opposed to being so included.

The agent of the late Lord Kingsdown, who was the owner of considerable property in the township of Aspull, objected to any part of Aspull being included, and added that the feeling against being included is general in the township.

He subsequently forwarded to us a Memorial, signed by 120 inhabitants and ratepayers of Aspull, stating that the township of Aspull contained, according to the last census, 4,290 persons, and that the working portion of them are almost entirely employed in and dependent upon the cotton and coal trades carried on there, and are in no way connected with or dependent upon the borough of Wigan; and praying that the township of Aspull and every part of it might be left unfettered by any alteration of the boundaries of the borough. This Memorial is marked D, and annexed to our Report.



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There are four places, immediately adjoining the town, where there is a population requiring consideration :—

1. New Spring, in the township of Aspull.
2. A considerable portion of the township of Ince.
3. The road beyond Poolstock Bridge, which leaves the borough at its southern point, and is in the township of Pemberton.
4. Robbing-lane End, to the West of Wigan, also in Pemberton.

To understand the relation which the inhabitants of these places bear to the town population, it is necessary to remark that the staple trades of the town are the cotton and coal trades, and that there are large foundries for manufacturing iron; and that the principal trade of the surrounding townships, especially of Pemberton and Ince, is mining for coal and iron. This trade is independent of Wigan. Wigan takes but a small fraction of their iron, and the great mass is sent into Staffordshire and Yorkshire.

The population of three of the places mentioned above, New Spring, Ince, and Robbing End-lane, consists wholly of miners of Aspull, Ince, and Pemberton, employed in the mines of the townships in which those places are respectively situate. Their chief connection with Wigan is, that many miners from Wigan itself work in the mines of these townships, and that some of the women of these places work in the mills of Wigan. The inhabitants also of all the adjoining townships come to the Wigan weekly market.

If, therefore, the inhabitants of the town, and the inhabitants of these townships are classed together under the general term manufacturing, in contradistinction to an agricultural population, they may be said to be homogeneous. But there is a marked difference between the inhabitants of the larger part of the town and the inhabitants of the outskirts, both just within and without the boundary. The first is a manufacturing population, strictly so called, and the other a mining population. This difference cannot fail to strike any one at the first glance, and was admitted by all who came before us.

This remark, however, does not apply to the occupiers of the houses on the Poolstock Road, where some mills have been built immediately without the borough, and the houses are occupied by the operatives in these mills. If the inhabitants of the other three places are added to the borough the occupiers on this road can hardly be left out; but it would be scarcely worth while altering the boundary of the borough merely to admit them.

Taking these places in order :—

1. New Spring is connected continuously with the last houses of Wigan; but these last houses do not contain a dense population, and there are several fields adjoining them within the borough not built upon. The line coloured blue by us on the Ordnance Map, taking in part of Aspull and a small corner of Haigh, includes the village of New Spring and all the houses around it.

2. The village of Ince is completely joined to Wigan so as to form one continuous town, being separated only by the Charington Brook, which runs in a small valley and forms the boundary of Wigan on the south-eastern side. The population is dense, residing not only along the main street, but in streets branching out on both sides.

The line coloured blue by us on the Ordnance Map takes in the whole of the populous part of Ince. Beyond it there is a well-defined break of open country.

3. Poolstock Bridge.

The blue line drawn by us on the Ordnance Map at this point takes in all the houses along the road. There does not appear any probability of more being built further south away from the banks of the brooks on this side, as the mills must be confined to the sides of the watercourse.

4. Robbing End-lane.

The blue line drawn by us on the Ordnance Map on the west of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway takes in all the increase on this side. Beyond this line is an agricultural and mining district.

The numbers of the population and of the inhabited houses in these four places are stated respectively to be as follows :—

|                               | Inhabited<br>Houses. | Estimated<br>Population. |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. New Spring - - - -         | 353                  | 1,750                    |
| *2. Populous part of Ince - - |                      |                          |
| *3. Poolstock Road - - -      |                      |                          |
| *4. Robbing End Lane - - -    |                      |                          |

\* The exact numbers were not obtained.

These additions of New Spring, Poolstock Road, and Robbing End-lane would involve the sacrifice of township boundaries, for it will be obvious, on referring to the map, that they occupy too small a space of the townships to which they respectively belong to render it advisable, for the sake of including them, to add the whole townships.

With Ince it is different. Here, as will be seen from the map, the populous part is nearly half the township, and the population of this part is estimated at more than half the population of the township. It will be a question, therefore, for consideration whether the whole of the township should not be added for the sake of the populous part. In this case it will be necessary to add to the description in Schedule (O.) of the Boundary Act of 1832 the words, "and the township of Ince."

Should all or any of these populous portions be added, the following descriptions respectively applicable to them must be added to the description in Schedule (O.) of the Boundary Act of 1832:—

1. For New Spring:

"And the several parts of the township of Haigh and of the township of Aspull contained between the boundary of the township of Wigan, and a line from the point at which the boundary between the township of Haigh and the township of Aspull meets the boundary of the township of Wigan, thence northward in a straight line to Shedfield Bridge, thence northward in a straight line to the point at which the road through New Spring meets the southern extremity of the Highfield Delf, thence southward in a straight line to the Top Lock of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal, thence southward along the same canal to the point at which the same meets the boundary of the township of Ince, thence westward along the boundary of the township of Ince to the point at which the same meets the boundary of the township of Wigan."

2. For the Populous Part of Ince:

"And the part of the township of Ince contained between the boundary of the township of Wigan, and a line from the point at which the boundary between the township of Aspull and the township of Ince meets the boundary of the township of Wigan; thence southward in a straight line to the point at which the Bell Green Lane passes under the Springs Branch Railway; thence eastward in a straight line to the point at which Petticoat Lane crosses Bank House Brook at Cinnamon Brow; thence southward along Bank House Brook to the point at which the same passes under the Liverpool and Bury Railway; thence westward along the Liverpool and Bury Railway to the point at which the same meets the Springs Branch Railway; thence southward along the Springs Branch Railway to the point at which the same meets the London and North Western Railway; thence northward along the London and North Western Railway to the point at which the same meets the boundary of the township of Wigan."

3. For Poolstock Road:

"And the part of the township of Pemberton contained between the boundary of the township of Wigan and a line from the point at which Ince Brook meets the boundary of the township of Wigan; thence southward along Ince Brook to the point at which Hawkey Brook meets the same; thence westward in a straight line to the southern well of Worsley Mesnes; thence westward in a straight line to the Hindley Hall Culvert of Smithy Brook; thence northward down Smithy Brook to the point at which the same meets the boundary of the township of Wigan."

4. For Robbing End Lane:

"And the part of the township of Pemberton contained between the boundary of the township of Wigan and a line from the point at which the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway meets the boundary of the township of Wigan; thence southward along the same Liverpool Branch to the point at which the same meets the Warrington Road; thence northward in a straight line through the Ordnance Bench Mark 82.2 in Marsh Green Lane to the point at which the same meets the boundary of the township of Wigan."

These appear to us the different methods of enlargement; but on the whole, as it seems probable from what was said above, that these alterations would modify to a considerable degree, if they did not actually change, the character of the constituency, we do not feel justified in offering any recommendation regarding them, and confine ourselves to indicating the manner of enlargement should any alteration be thought right.

(signed) *F. W. Gibbs.*  
*H. M. Hozier.*

2.—PETITIONS.

— None. —



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## 3.—MEMORIALS.

## BOUNDARIES OF BOROUGHES.

Mr. Woods, M.P. for Wigan, again appeared before the Committee to present three Petitions from owners and occupiers in the borough of Wigan, and also a Petition from members of the town council, against any extension of the borough, and stated the following reasons:

That the village of Ince has a very scattered population, and cannot correctly be said to form a continuous town with Wigan; but that like other parishes in the mining districts of South Lancashire, Ince has the same character as all the other parishes adjoining the borough of Wigan.

That no return of the population of the part of Ince proposed to be added has been laid before, or considered by, Her Majesty's Commissioners.

It will be remembered by the Committee that the Report of the Assistant Commissioners did not recommend any addition to the borough.

The Petitions from the borough now presented (bearing 500 signatures) concur with the Report of the Assistant Commissioners (read before the Committee) in the statement, that the balance of representation of the different interests of the borough will be very greatly affected by any addition to the existing boundary of the borough.

The Petitioners pray that "the ancient boundary of the borough be unchanged."

On behalf of the Petitioners,

*Henry Woods, M.P.*

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled:

The humble Petition of the undersigned Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers of Property within the Borough and Neighbourhood of Wigan, in the County of Lancaster,

Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners have learned with much surprise that the Boundary Commissioners for England and Wales, appointed under "The Representation of the People Act, 1867," have recommended that part of the township of Ince should be included in the borough of Wigan.

That by the 48th section of the said Act the following, amongst other duties, were imposed upon the Commissioners:

"The Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners so appointed shall give notice, by public advertisement, of their intention to visit such counties and boroughs, and shall appoint a time for receiving the statements of any persons who may be desirous of giving information as to the boundaries, or other local circumstances of such counties and boroughs; and the said Commissioners, or Assistant Commissioners, shall by personal inspection, and such other means as the Commissioners think necessary, possess themselves of such information as will enable the Commissioners to make such report as is herein mentioned."

That notice was duly given, by public advertisement, of the intention of the Commissioners to visit the borough of Wigan, and a time was duly appointed for receiving the statements by the Commissioners of any persons on the subject of their inquiry.

That, at a meeting of the Town Council of the said borough of Wigan, held on the 23rd day of September 1867, it was resolved as follows:

"That this council do not recommend any extension of the borough boundaries."

"That a deputation, consisting of the mayor, and mover and seconder of the resolution, the town clerk, and the borough surveyor, should wait upon the Commissioners, and communicate to them the resolution recommending that the boundaries be not extended."

That such deputation accordingly waited upon the Commissioners and informed them of the views of the governing body of the said borough.

That the clerk to the Local Board of Health in and for the parish of Ince (the governing body of the said parish) appeared before the said Commissioners, and stated:

"That the general feeling of the inhabitants of Ince was opposed to having any connection with Wigan for the purposes of the Commissioners' inquiry."

That no recommendation from any public meeting or bodies were passed, or memorial presented in favour of any extension of the said borough.

That the said Commissioners, in total disregard of the expressed wishes of the said borough of Wigan and township of Ince, have recommended that a portion of the said township should be added to the said borough.

That the township of Ince differs in no appreciable degree from that of other adjacent townships, either as to the nature and kind of the occupation of the people, or the closeness of proximity to the borough of Wigan.

That your Petitioners are prepared to show that the said Report is in some respects erroneous.

That



That, in your Petitioners' opinion, the best representation of the town and county will be secured by leaving the ancient boundary of the borough unchanged.

Wigan.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honourable House that no part of the said township of Ince may be added to the said borough of Wigan.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

69 Signatures.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled:

The humble Petition of the undersigned Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers of Property within the Borough and Neighbourhood of Wigan,

Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners have learned with great surprise that the Boundary Commissioners for England and Wales, appointed by "The Representation of the People Act, 1867," have recommended the more populous part of the township of Ince should be included in the borough of Wigan.

That by the 48th section of the said Act the following, amongst other duties, were imposed upon the Commissioners:—

"The Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners so appointed shall give notice, by public advertisement, of their intention to visit such counties and boroughs, and shall appoint a time for receiving the statements of any persons who may be desirous of giving information as to the boundaries or other local circumstances of such counties and boroughs; and the said Commissioners or Assistant Commissioners shall by personal inspection, and such other means as the Commissioners think necessary, possess themselves of such information as will enable the Commissioners to make such report as is herein mentioned."

That notice was duly given, by public advertisement, of the intention of the Commissioners to visit the borough of Wigan, and a time was duly appointed for receiving the statements by the Commissioners of any person on the subject of their inquiry.

That, at a meeting of the Town Council of the said borough of Wigan, held on the 23rd day of September 1867, it was resolved as follows:—

"That this council do not recommend any extension of the borough boundaries to the Commissioners.

"That a deputation, consisting of the mayor, and mover and seconder of the resolution, the town clerk, and the borough surveyor, should wait upon the Commissioners and communicate to them the resolution recommending that the boundaries be not extended."

That such deputation accordingly waited upon the Commissioners and informed them of the views of the governing body of the said borough.

That the clerk to the Local Board of Health in and for the parish of Ince (the governing body of the said parish) appeared before the said Commissioners, and stated:

"That the general feeling of the inhabitants of Ince was opposed to having any connection with Wigan for the purposes of the Commissioners' inquiry."

That no recommendations from any public meeting or bodies were passed, or memorial presented in favour of any extension of the said borough.

That the said Commissioners, in total disregard of the expressed wishes of the said borough of Wigan and parish of Ince, have recommended that a portion of the said parish should be added to the said borough.

That the parish of Ince differs in no appreciable degree from that of other adjacent parishes, either as to the nature and kind of the occupation of the people, or the closeness of proximity to the borough of Wigan.

That your Petitioners are prepared to show that the said Report is in some respects erroneous.

That in your Petitioners opinion the best representation of the town and county will be secured by leaving the ancient boundary of the borough unchanged.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honourable House, that no part of the said township of Ince may be added to the said borough of Wigan.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

401 Signatures.

#### PETITION of the Town Council of the Borough of Wigan.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Members of the Town Council of the Borough of Wigan, in the County of Lancaster,

Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners are strongly of opinion that the proposed addition of a portion of the township of Ince to the borough of Wigan for Parliamentary purposes is highly undesirable.

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First.—Because such addition is not asked for or desired by either parish.

Second.—Your memorialists believe that such addition would so far alter the character of the constituency as to be greatly prejudicial to the fair and proper representation of the borough of Wigan in Parliament.

Third.—That at a meeting of the town council of the borough of Wigan, held on the 23rd day of September last, previously to and in anticipation of the visit of the Boundary Commissioners to Wigan, the question of the extension of the borough boundaries was fully discussed, and a resolution then made, “That this council do not recommend any extension of the borough boundaries to the Commissioners, and do appoint a deputation consisting of the mayor and two members of the council, the town clerk, and the borough surveyor, to attend before the Commissioners and express their views in opposition to any extension of the boundaries of the borough.” And at the visit of the Commissioners on the following day such deputation did attend, and, in accordance with the resolution of the council, oppose any extension of the borough boundaries.

Fourth.—That the resolution expressed by such deputation on behalf of the corporation is, as your Petitioners humbly believe, still the opinion of the inhabitants of both parishes, and without requirement or necessity, and, as your Petitioners believe, to the entire disapproval of the general body of the constituency. The meeting of the town council of the borough of Wigan held this day has passed a resolution in direct opposition to the former expression of the town council to the Commissioners by the deputation, as set forth in the last paragraph hereof. Under such circumstances, it is humbly submitted that such action on the part of the council in reversing a previously well-deliberated decision, and without any apparent reason or expression of opinion from any party in the borough, is highly inconsistent.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Committee in considering the Petition forwarded by the Town Council of the Borough of Wigan, will take in consideration the statements and facts set forth herein, and consider that the opinion expressed by the deputation of the Corporation to the Boundary Commissioners on the 24th day of September last, to be the true feeling alike of the council and borough.

10 Signatures.

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LETTER from Mr. *Eckersley*, M.P., addressed to the Chairman, enclosing Memorial.

BOROUGH BOUNDARIES.—WIGAN.

Dear Sir,

House of Commons, 26 May 1868.

I HAVE the honour to enclose herewith a Petition from a number of gentlemen in Wigan in favour of the Commissioners' Report.

I am informed that, had time permitted, the signatures would have been much more numerous.

I have, &c.

(signed) *N. Eckersley*.

The Right Hon. H. S. Walpole, M.P.,  
Chairman of the Select Committee on the Borough Boundaries.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled :

The humble Petition of the undersigned Gentry, Tradespeople, and Inhabitants of the Borough of Wigan and the Vicinity,

Showeth,

THAT your Petitioners have read the Report of the Boundary Commissioners appointed under the provisions of “The Representation of the People Act, 1867,” so far as it relates to the said borough.

That the increase of the township of Ince is constantly progressing, both in the extent of its industrial establishments and in the erection of houses of a substantial and commodious description.

That the borough of Wigan is the business centre and market for the inhabitants of the said township.

That it is desirable that the boundary of the said borough should not only be increased to the extent recommended in the said report (which, in the opinion of your petitioners, ought certainly to be done), but that the said boundary ought to be extended so as to comprise the whole of the said township of Ince.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the said boundary may be extended for Parliamentary purposes so as to comprise the whole of the township of Ince.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

41 Signatures.



## 4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

## BOROUGH OF WIGAN.

REASONS against an Extension of the Boundary of the Borough, by Mr. Woods, M. P.

1. BECAUSE at a meeting of the town council of the borough of Wigan, held on the 23rd day of September 1867, it was resolved as follows:—

“That this council do not recommend any extension of the borough boundaries to the Commissioners.

“That a deputation consisting of the mayor, and mover and seconder of the resolution, the town clerk, and the borough surveyor, should wait upon the Commissioners and communicate to them the resolution recommending that the boundaries be not extended.”

That such deputation accordingly waited upon the Commissioners and informed them of the views of the governing body of the said borough.

2. Because the clerk to the Local Board of Health in and for the parish of Ince appeared before the said Commissioners and stated that he expressed the objections of that parish to having any connection with Wigan for Parliamentary purposes, and that the feeling of the inhabitants of Ince was opposed to that connection.

3. Because a resolution of a public meeting of the parish of Pemberton objecting to the junction of that parish to Wigan for Parliamentary purposes, was likewise submitted to the Commissioners.

4. Because no recommendations from any public meeting or bodies were passed in favour of any extension of the said borough, nor were any memorials presented.

5. Because the Commissioners, contrary to the evidence adduced, and in opposition to the expressed wishes of the said borough of Wigan and parish of Ince, have recommended that a portion of the said parish of Ince should be added to the said borough.

6. Because the parish of Ince differs in no appreciable degree from that of other parishes adjacent to Wigan, either as to the nature and kind of the occupation of the people or the closeness of proximity of their populations to the borough of Wigan; but like each of the several parishes forming the ecclesiastical parish of Wigan, Ince forms part of the organization of the county for police and other purposes (the borough of Wigan having a separate and distinct jurisdiction, and having a separate local magistracy and separate police), Ince separately maintaining its own poor, and having no connection with Wigan for purposes of self-government.

7. Because the roads passing from the town of Wigan through the parish of Ince are not fronted continuously by lines of contiguous houses with streets branching out on both sides, but have the inhabited houses diffused over the long line of public highways (about five miles), whilst the district proposed to be added is chiefly under cultivation as agricultural land.

8. Under all the circumstances, it is submitted to the Committee that if the boundary of the ancient borough remain unchanged, the result will be in accordance with the expressed sentiment of the locality, and that the most fitting representation of the town and county will be obtained.

21 May 1868.

Henry Woods.

PAPERS put in by Mr. Fremantle, Secretary of the Boundary Commissioners.

24, Mount-street, Grosvenor-square,

22 May 1868.

Sir,

I SHALL feel obliged if the Committee on Boundaries will allow to be read the few lines marked in the accompanying newspaper report of our inquiry at Wigan.

As the accuracy of the facts refuted by us appear to be disputed, and especially as our impartiality and good faith in seeking information have been impugned, I think it due to the Committee, and to the Commissioners to whom we acted as Assistant Commissioners, that the Committee should have the evidence given to us produced in substance before them from another source than our report which I read to them yesterday.

The questions and answers marked (A.), contain information given to us publicly respecting Ince by the town clerk of Wigan, and Mr. Winstanley, the clerk of the Local Board of Ince.

Next, with regard to our assertion made yesterday, that the proceedings of the town council in reference to the extension of the borough were private, and that therefore the Assistant Commissioners could not know the numbers of those voting, I beg to call the



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attention of the Committee to the statement of the number polling made to us by one of the minority.

The statement is marked (B.)

C. W. Fremantle, Esq.,  
&c. &c. &c.

Yours, &c.  
(signed) J. W. Gibbs.

#### THE BOUNDARY COMMISSIONERS AT WIGAN.

ON Tuesday morning, Fred. W. Gibbs, Esq., C.B., Barrister-at-law, and Henry M. Hozier, Esq., Lieutenant in the 2nd Regiment of Life Guards, two of the Assistant Commissioners appointed by the Boundary Commissioners for England and Wales under the provisions of "The Representation of the People Act, 1867," attended at the Town Hall, for the purpose of inquiring into the boundaries of the borough of Wigan. There were present his Worship the Mayor, the Town Clerk, the Borough Engineer, Messrs. J. H. Gilbert, H. Woodcock, E. Smith, R. Lea, J. Smith, J. Davies, J. Bolton, W. Baker, R. Hilton, T. Atherton, R. Winstanley, J. Hart, W. Atkinson, R. H. Widdows, — Birkett, Jno. Leech, J. Peak, and a number of residents in the out-townships.

In opening the proceedings, Mr. Gibbs said: We are here under the authority of the 48th section of the Act to amend the representation of the people, and under that authority we are sitting to receive the statements of any persons who may be desirous to give information as to the boundaries, or other local circumstances of the borough of Wigan, with the view to ascertain whether the boundaries should be enlarged, so as to include within the limits of that borough all premises which ought, due regard being had to situation and other local circumstances, to be included therein, for the purpose of conferring upon the occupiers thereof the Parliamentary franchise. Mr. Gibbs was then proceeding to put some questions to the Town Clerk, when

The *Mayor* said: I may state to the Commissioners that a special meeting of the town council was held yesterday, at which a resolution was passed to the effect that it was not expedient to enlarge the boundaries of the borough of Wigan. Perhaps, if you are seeking information, I may be permitted to say that the population of the borough in 1867, was 37,658, and the probable increase from that time to the present, is about 4,000, making a total of 41,658. The increase every ten years is now about 6,000. The total area of the borough is 2,161 statute acres, and the rateable value in 1866 was 76,535 *l.* The number of Parliamentary voters in 1867, is 857. There has been a revision to-day, but I don't think that will materially alter those figures.

Mr. Gibbs.] These figures we can get from the Blue Book last year.

The *Borough Engineer* produced a map of the borough, which he had prepared in 1852; and in answer to Lieutenant Hozier, Mr. Hunter said the scale was 220 feet to an inch.

Mr. Gibbs.] Is the Parliamentary and municipal area the same; Wigan is an old corporation. The two places are the same, I suppose?

The *Borough Engineer*.] That is so.

Mr. Gibbs (to the *Town Clerk*).] Could you tell us whether the town has increased beyond its Parliamentary limits in any direction, and in what direction?

The *Town Clerk*.] In two directions, I think, towards Pemberton and towards Ince. (*The townships were pointed out on the map.*)

M. Gibbs.] Is Pemberton a large township?

The *Town Clerk*.] Yes, a tolerable large township. There are buildings outside the borough built just outside for the purpose of escaping the borough rates.

The *Mayor*.] The population of Pemberton is 6,870, and that of Ince, 8,266.

Mr. Gibbs.] Do you count five persons to an inhabited house?

The *Borough Engineer*.] Very near that. That will be about it.

The *Town Clerk*.] Both of these townships have increased, but especially Ince.

Mr. Gibbs.] The increase in Pemberton is close to the town, but beyond the neighbourhood of the town, what is the character of Pemberton?

The *Town Clerk*.] The increase is pretty general. It has a scattered population, and the increase generally is in consequence of coal mining and stone quarries.

Mr. Gibbs.] What is the staple business of Wigan; perhaps we had better have that now.

The *Town Clerk*.] The staple businesses are cotton and the coal trade. There are also large ironworks; and there are ironworks, not for smelting ore, but for manufacturing the iron; forges and foundries.

Mr. Gibbs.] Now, take Ince. About the population of Ince, where is it most thickly peopled?

The *Town Clerk*.] Ince has spread in two directions, along the main road by the toll-bar in Ince, and on the road from Wigan to the cemetery.

Mr. Winstanley.] The main roads to Bolton and Warrington.

Mr. Gibbs.] Is that near the toll-bar?

Mr. Winstanley.] Yes; the toll-bar is on the Bolton-road.

The *Town Clerk*.] There is Bell Green-lane also.

Mr. Winstanley.] Yes; it is about the toll-bar. It is all about that neighbourhood.

Mr. Gibbs.] What is the character of the population of Ince?

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Mr. *Winstanley*.] Decidedly mining, with some ironworks.

Mr. *Gibbs*.] Where is the iron most generally sent from in Pemberton and Ince?

The *Town Clerk*.] It comes from Ulverston.

Mr. *Gibbs*.] But what is the market they send it to when they have made it?

The *Town Clerk*.] Mr. Davies, perhaps, can answer that question.

Mr. *John Davies*.] A good deal is sent into Staffordshire, and the rest in Lancashire and Yorkshire.

The *Town Clerk*.] It is described as the best forged iron.

Lieut. *Hozier*.] Then Wigan is not the market for the iron?

Several gentlemen replied in the negative.

Mr. *Davies*.] Wigan could not consume it. We have a very large make of iron there.

Mr. *Gibbs*.] You have an independent trade, then? You are independent of the Wigan iron trade in these two places?

Mr. *Davies*.] Oh, yes, entirely.

Mr. *France*.] Wigan has merely a fragment of the trade.

Mr. *Gibbs*.] What are the other townships around Wigan?

The *Town Clerk*.] There is the township of Standish-with-Langtree.

The *Borough Engineer* (describing the positions of the townships on the map) said: There is the township of Standish-with-Langtree on the north-north-west; on the north-east the township of Haigh; and on the east the township of Aspull.

Mr. *Gibbs*.] These townships are of what character?

The *Borough Engineer*.] Principally mining. There are a great many collieries in the township of Standish; and in Haigh also there are mines.

A gentleman remarked that there was also an agricultural population in these townships.

Mr. *Winstanley*.] Yes; there's half a dozen farmers in Haigh.

Mr. *Gibbs*.] Is there any proposal for alteration here; has anyone a proposal to make?

Mr. *E. L. Wright*.] I think the inhabitants of the district are generally against it.

Mr. *T. F. Taylor*.] I have to present you with a memorial adopted at a meeting of the inhabitants of Pemberton, a township on the south-south-east. The following memorial was then read:—

“To Her Majesty's Commissioners appointed under the new Reform Act to inquire into and report upon the boundaries of the borough of Wigan, in the county of Lancaster, the humble memorial of the undersigned inhabitants and ratepayers of Pemberton in the said county sheweth: That the township of Pemberton aforesaid comprises 2,049 acres, and, according to the last census, contained a population of 6,870 persons, and although adjoining to the westerly boundary of the township of Wigan aforesaid, is entirely unconnected in trade with the said borough or town of Wigan, and derives no benefit or advantage from its proximity to the last-mentioned place; that the said township of Pemberton has for some years past, under the direction of a board of highways, been greatly improved by the reconstruction and improvement of the highways and roads, and its sanitary condition attended to; that the population of the township is employed at the various cotton mills and collieries of the place, and have no desire to be included in the constituency or borough of Wigan, and submit that it would not be conducive to the welfare of the said township were the boundaries of the said borough of Wigan extended so as to embrace the said township of Pemberton or any part thereof. Your memorialists therefore pray that no extension of the boundary of the said borough of Wigan may be made to include the said township of Pemberton or any part thereof, and your memorialists will ever pray, &c.”

Mr. *Gibbs*.] Has Ince a Local Board of Health?

A gentleman present said that Pemberton had a Local Board of Health, but it was pointed out that he was in error.

Mr. *Winstanley* (Clerk to the Ince Local Board of Health) said: The township of Ince has a Local Board under the Local Government Act. The authorities of Ince have not been asked to take any proceedings with reference to this inquiry. Neither the chairman of the Board nor the overseers have been appealed to to call any meeting on the subject. The general feeling that prevails amongst the inhabitants seems to be opposed to having any connection with Wigan for the purposes of your inquiry. I ought to say I make this statement without any direction from anybody—solely on my own responsibility.

Mr. *Gibbs*.] Have you anything more to say about it?

Mr. *Winstanley*.] No.

Mr. *Gibbs*.] Does any one else wish to make any suggestion or remark?

Mr. *Taylor*.] It is scarcely necessary to allude to the township of Hindley.

Mr. *Gibbs*.] Hindley, I suppose, is a town of itself. It looked so to me passing on the railway.

The Commissioner was informed that the population of Hindley was not so large as that of the township of Ince.

Mr. *Gibbs*.] Well, we need not go into it. It is clearly not attached to Wigan as a suburb.

Mr. *G. Ormrod*.] Do you intend to leave Hindley out altogether, then?

Mr. *Gibbs*.] We cannot answer that. It appears to me, on the face of it, that Hindley



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is separated from the borough of Wigan by a belt of country. It cannot be said to be connected, and to include it with Wigan would be to group two places together, which is not within the power of the Commissioners at all. If you wish to make any remarks in favour of Hindley I shall be glad to hear them, or if you have any suggestions to make, or wish to advocate the claims of Hindley, or think that it is so closely connected with Wigan that it ought to be united.

*Mr. Ormrod.*] The idea is, that in consequence of standing so far apart we in Hindley should wish to keep as we are.

*Mr. Winstanley.*] At a meeting held last night they declined to have any connection with our neighbours here.

*Mr. Ormrod.*] At a meeting held last night it was unanimously resolved that a deputation should wait here to say that they wish to be left out. If it is necessary, I may say that we are here as a deputation authorised to say so much.

*Mr. Taylor.*] There is a deputation here from the township of Pemberton, and presents that memorial, which was adopted at a large public meeting.

*Mr. Gibbs.*] What local Acts apply to Wigan? Have you a Public Health Act?

*The Town Clerk.*] There is a Public Health Act, a Waterworks Act, and several private Acts; amongst others those of the Gas Company.

*Mr. Gibbs.*] Within what area do you supply water?

*The Town Clerk.*] The Act is for supplying water to the borough of Wigan.

*Mr. Gibbs.*] As to the Gas Act?

*The Town Clerk.*] The Gas Act empowers the Company to supply gas to the out-townships.

*Mr. Gibbs.*] Then that is a company. It is not the Corporation?

*The Town Clerk.*] Yes; that is a private company.

*Mr. Gibbs.*] The Water Act belongs to the Corporation, I suppose?

*The Town Clerk.*] Yes.

*Mr. Gibbs.*] In the other local Acts for the government of the town, are they all confined to the town?

*The Town Clerk.*] They are incorporated, I think, with the Water Act.

*Mr. Gibbs.*] With regard to the people living in Ince and Pemberton, are they employed in the works of Pemberton or in Wigan?

*Mr. Taylor.*] Generally in the works of Pemberton.

*Mr. Gibbs.*] Are there any of the Wigan operative class living in Pemberton?

*Mr. Taylor.*] I do not go so far as to say not. Many girls employed at the mills live there, but the miners are employed in Pemberton.

*Mr. Peak.*] Some live in Wigan who work in Pemberton.

*Mr. Gibbs.*] Then, up to the boundary, the majority of the inhabitants living in Ince work in Ince?

*The Town Clerk.*] A great number of Wigan people work in Ince, miners especially.

*Mr. Birkett (of Pemberton).*] Pemberton has as good a supply of water as what they have in Wigan, or better. At a public meeting, we called the inhabitants together, and it was unanimously agreed that we should stand as we are.

*Mr. Gibbs.*] In fact, you are one of the deputation who present that memorial?

*Mr. Birkett.*] Yes.

*Mr. Gibbs.*] Well, we have got that.

*Mr. Winstanley.*] It appears to me that the feeling of the out-townships is unanimously against incorporation with the town of Wigan. I have not heard it stated what is the feeling of the Wigan town council on the subject.

Several gentlemen said it had been reported to the Commissioners.

*Mr. Winstanley.*] I did not hear it, then.

*Mr. Gibbs.*] The mayor stated it at the beginning of the proceedings.

*Mr. Hilton.*] Perhaps the mayor will repeat that statement now. Was the resolution of the council unanimous, Mr. Mayor?

The Mayor said it was not, and then read the minute which was passed at a meeting of the council held the previous day.

*Mr. Woodcock (who had just entered the room, said).*] Of course I wish to bow to the majority in the town council; but I wish to say at the same time that it was by no means an unanimous vote. (Hear, hear.) It was a very small majority (hear, hear), 13 to 10. I am here merely as an individual, and I do not wish to interfere with other people, so far as they have expressed their opinions here, whether it is in the town or in the out-townships; but it seems to me, looking at the question as one of a large policy, and considering that the population is what may be called homogeneous, if the intentions of the House of Commons are to be carried out, there is no question that all these places should be put into one borough.

*Mr. Wright.*] Which places?

*Mr. Woodcock.*] The whole of Newtown and Ince. There is scarcely the division of a house between the two.

*Mr. Bolton.*] Where will you draw the line?

*Mr. Gibbs.*] Homogeneous with one another or with Wigan, do you mean?

*Mr. Woodcock.*] Altogether; the whole population is homogeneous. All dependent on mining, coal-getting, and spinning. The whole of the population depends on the source of the supplies. None of the district is agricultural. It would be impossible to draw a line taking a radius of so many miles from one part, for the borough extends for some distance

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up here (to the north-north-east) with a small population; while on this side (south-south-west) there has been a very large increase.

Mr. Gibbs.] What sort of an increase would you propose?

Mr. Woodcock.] I would take the line of the population?

At the request of Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Woodcock explained his meaning by reference to the Ordnance map.

Mr. Gibbs.] Then you do not think the whole of Pemberton should come in?

Mr. Woodcock.] No; I would take generally the line of the population, which is visible to any one on the spot. The place is a continuation of Wigan.

Mr. Gibbs.] When do you get to a break?

Mr. Woodcock.] When you rise the hill beyond Newtown.

Mr. Peak.] About half a mile between Newtown and Wigan there is a break. There are only two or three houses.

Mr. Gibbs.] Well; we will go and look for ourselves.

Mr. Peak.] Between the Coffee-house and Newtown certainly there are only two or three houses. The people have gone to live at Newtown expressly to keep out of the boundary of Wigan. (Laughter.)

Mr. Woodcock.] Yes; and they enjoy the advantages of proximity to Wigan, and have not to pay for it. It is the very thing to be avoided.

Mr. Gibbs.] We have had that at Bolton.

Mr. Woodcock.] Oh, yes; I know that very well. Mr. Peak's statement is perfectly candid and true. (Laughter.) I do not at the same time think it would be an immediate advantage to Wigan if the whole of Newtown should be incorporated. It is not sewered, and that ought to be done; while in Wigan it is done and we have paid for it. I do not think it would be an advantage for them to be joined to us. I am looking at the question as one of general policy. The whole are a mass of homogeneous inhabitants, and I think they should be joined to Wigan.

Mr. Bolton.] We should have to do the sewerage and find water for them.

Mr. Woodcock.] But that has nothing to do with it.

Mr. Gibbs.] You suggest that the population line should be taken. Is Pemberton or Ince divided into hamlets?

The question was answered in the negative.

Mr. Peak.] If you draw a line now you will want it extended shortly.

Mr. Gibbs.] Mr. Woodcock, have you anything more to say?

Mr. Woodcock.] No; I am perfectly indifferent about it. I was passing and merely thought I would look in.

Mr. R. Hilton.] There is one paragraph in the memorial from Pemberton from which I must differ. It says the population is a wholly mining one, whereas in Pemberton there are some hundreds, some thousands of factory operatives who work in Wigan.

Mr. R. Lea.] Oh, no; that is wrong.

Mr. Hilton.] Have you watched them coming over that bridge?

Mr. Lea.] But you say thousands.

Mr. Birkett.] And if you please, Sir, there's a good many comes from Wigan to Pemberton.

Mr. Davies.] I would wish to call your attention to the fact that in the direction of Aspull there is a place called New Springs, and the district immediately round about there is certainly as well entitled to come within the borough limits as any of the places mentioned, and for very similar reasons. The reasons which Mr. Woodcock has mentioned as to Pemberton and Ince apply with equal force to that district. There are a great number of houses there now, and it is likely to increase at a very rapid rate.

Mr. Gibbs.] How are these people employed?

Mr. Davies.] They are employed in coal mining and at those ironworks which you have heard spoken of, I may say almost entirely. The female population work in the factory, and come down to Wigan.

Mr. Gibbs.] When you say the population is homogeneous with that of Wigan, it does not strike one at first sight that a mining population could be said to be homogeneous with the people of Wigan. One is engaged in one process and the other in another process—both necessary to the formation of the article you want to form, but perfectly distinct processes.

Mr. Woodcock.] Both live by mining and the labour of the hands, in contradistinction to agriculture. That is the case both at Wigan and Springs.

Mr. Davies.] The existence of Wigan depends on those places.

Mr. Gibbs.] But does the existence of those places depend on Wigan?

Mr. Davies.] No; the converse is not true.

Mr. Bolton.] Would you draw a line in Aspull, or would you take the whole township?

Mr. Davies.] No; I would not take it all.

Mr. Wright.] I represent Lord Kingstown, and I should not be doing right if I did not oppose the suggestion made that the township of Aspull should be brought in. I am perfectly satisfied that it is the almost unanimous wish of the inhabitants of that township that they be not included in the Parliamentary borough of Wigan. Mr. Davis represents very large ironworks there, but they are at one corner, and have only recently been established. I would say on behalf of Lord Kingsdown and the inhabitants generally, that they would all to a man oppose being brought into the Parliamentary boundary.

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Mr. *Davies*.] The gentleman is in error in saying I represent the company. I represent a body of gentlemen who do not wish to press the question of any extension of the boundary at all, but who simply think that if there are extensions made they should be made uniformly in every direction where the same conditions exist. That is all. I am not representing the company.

Mr. *Gibbs*.] In fact, that Ince should not be taken in without New Springs being taken in?

Mr. *Davies*.] Exactly, sir.

Mr. *Gilbert*.] I presume the same rule would apply to Standish.

Mr. *Woodcock*.] Oh, no; that is in another part of the county. It is not in the same parish, nor is it connected with Wigan.

Mr. *Davies*.] Hindley is put out of the question, and much more Standish.

The *Town Clerk*.] Where do you find in Standish a number of houses in the same position as in Ince and Aspull?

Mr. *Davies*.] There are none.

Mr. *Lea*.] You go through the country to it.

Mr. *France*.] It is pure country for two miles.

Mr. *Ormrod* said that the deputation from Hindley were fortified with a numerously-signed memorial which they wished to put in if necessary.

Mr. *Gibbs*.] You had better put it in.

Mr. *Ormrod*.] I think it is signed by upwards of a hundred ratepayers.

The memorial, as under, was then put in:—

“To Her Majesty’s Commissioners appointed under the new Reform Act to inquire into and report upon the boundaries of the borough of Wigan in the county of Lancaster. The humble memorial of the undersigned, being residents in and ratepayers of the township of Hindley, in the county of Lancaster, sheweth: That the site of the township of Hindley aforesaid is about 2,610 acres, and is separated from the borough of Wigan aforesaid by the township of Ince-in-Mackerfield. That the population of the said township of Hindley at last census was estimated at 8,477; and the said population is entirely employed in and dependent upon the cotton and coal trades carried on there, and is in no way connected with or dependent upon the borough of Wigan aforesaid. It is submitted that the bye-laws regulating the said borough, and its system of management, are totally unsuited for, and ought not to be applied to the said township of Hindley. That the Local Government Act (1858) has been adopted in the said township of Hindley. That your memorialists and the residents and ratepayers of Hindley at large, conceive that it would be highly prejudicial to the said township of Hindley to extend the boundary of the said borough so as to embrace or in any manner interfere with the said township of Hindley. Your memorialists, therefore, humbly pray that you will be pleased to leave the said township of Hindley or any part thereof, unfettered by any arrangement, or alteration, or extension of the boundaries of the said borough. And your memorialists will ever pray, &c.”

Mr. *James Hart*.] Hindley has its Local Board of Health, and a separate gas company to Wigan.

Mr. *Gibbs*.] How far does the jurisdiction in Hindley extend?

Mr. *Hart*.] It includes the whole of the township up to Ince.

Mr. *Winstanley*.] It is separated from Wigan by the town of Ince.

Mr. *Davies* laid on the table an Ordnance map with the boundaries of the townships coloured, and after this had been inspected the proceedings, which had occupied a little over three quarters of an hour, were brought to a close.

In the course of the afternoon and on the following day the Commissioners made a personal inspection of the boundaries of the borough.

• LETTER from Mr. *Eckersley*, M.P., addressed to the Chairman, enclosing Extract of Minutes of Local Board of *Ince*.

Dear Sir,

Borough Boundaries, Wigan, 23 May 1868.

HAVING been informed that the Report of the Commissioners in respect of the boundaries of this borough has been under the consideration of the Select Committee, I beg most respectfully to request that the Committee will postpone their final decision until I hear from the Town Clerk of Wigan on the subject, which I hope to do on Tuesday next.

I enclose extract from the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ince Local Board of Health.

Yours, &c.

(signed) *N. Eckersley*.

Right Honourable H. S. Walpole, Chairman.

EXTRACT of the Minutes of the *Ince* Local Board of a Meeting held on the 21st May 1868.

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“THE BOUNDARY BILL.

“MR. RUMLY moved, and Mr. Thos. Lancaster seconded, and it was unanimously resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board any extension of the Parliamentary borough of Wigan into this district should extend to, and include, the whole of the township of Ince.”

(signed) *Robert Winstanley,*  
Clerk to the said Local Board.

LETTER from Mr. *Eckersley*, M.P., to the Chairman, with Enclosure.

BOROUGH BOUNDARIES, WIGAN.

Dear Sir,

House of Commons, 26 May 1868.

I HAVE the honour to enclose copy of a resolution which was passed yesterday at a special meeting of the Town Council of Wigan, in favour of the Report of the Commissioners.

Yours, &c.  
(signed) *N. Eckersley.*

Right Honourable H. S. Walpole, M.P.,  
Chairman of the Select Committee on Borough Boundaries.

COPY of RESOLUTION passed at a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of *Wigan*, held on Monday, the 25th day of May 1868.

Moved by Mr. Woodcock ; seconded by Mr. Smith,

THAT it is in the opinion of the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses of the borough of Wigan in Council assembled, desirable that the more populous part of the township of Ince, which adjoins the said borough on the southerly side, shall be included in the said borough, for the purpose of electing Members of Parliament to represent the said borough in the Honourable the House of Commons, as recommended in the Report of the Boundary Commissioners appointed under the provisions of “The Representation of the People Act, 1867.”

*Resolved*, That a copy of the resolution be sent to each borough Member, with a request that he would present the same in the proper quarter.

(A true extract.)

(signed) *Thomas Heald*, Mayor.





## W I L T O N .

Wilton.

## 1.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

THE Assistant Commissioners opened the Inquiry into the Boundaries of this Borough at the Town Hall, Wilton, at 11 o'clock on the 21st of September. There were present, Mr. Swayne, Recorder of the Borough, Mr. Mayow, the Mayor of Wilton, the Town Clerk, the Assistant Overseer of the Parish, and some of the inhabitants; Mr. Lee, the Town Clerk of Salisbury also attended.

On the opening of the proceedings, the Recorder stated that there was no proposal to extend the limits of the borough, but that strong objections were entertained to the alteration which had been proposed at Salisbury in the common boundary of the two boroughs. *See Report upon the borough of Salisbury.*

By reference to the voting lists for the borough for the present year, it was shown that of the 29 persons who already have votes in the disputed district, 12 at present have votes for both boroughs, and that by the proposed alteration their second votes would be lost. It was also urged that it was especially desirable to retain in the borough this disputed district, inasmuch as the voters in it are quite independent of local influences. The assertion was repeated, that persons desirous of building in the neighbourhood of Salisbury have hitherto preferred to take land outside the limits of that borough, because of the heavy local rating within its limits. It was also stated (in opposition to the assertion made at Salisbury, that future building on this side of the borough must be restricted to the parish of Fisherton) that, in case of the municipal boundary of the borough of Salisbury being made to include the parish of Fisherton, land would be preferred beyond it in the parish of Bemerton, in order to avoid the rates; and, further, that land would probably be obtainable hereafter in Bemerton, along the Salisbury and Wilton-road, notwithstanding the entail.

Wilton is a prescriptive, not a municipal borough, and includes a portion only of the parish of Wilton. Its sanitary regulations have been administered under the Local Government Act since the year 1855. The jurisdiction of the Local Board of Health extends beyond the corporate borough to the limits of the parish of Wilton, which includes the space immediately round the town, and is far within the Parliamentary boundary.

The Parliamentary borough of Wilton comprises a large agricultural district, and includes in its area 12 entire parishes, and large portions of five other parishes. The town of Wilton is almost centrally placed in the borough, the boundaries of the borough being, in most directions, about four miles distant from it. Taking its present dimensions into consideration, and also the fact that there do not appear to be any persons excluded from the borough who have a community of interest with it, and that no proposal has been made for enlarging its boundaries, the Assistant Commissioners beg to submit that no alteration is expedient in the boundaries of the borough of Wilton.

*E. B. Hamley, Colonel.  
W. Spencer Ollivant.*

## 2.—PETITIONS.

— None. —

## 3.—MEMORIALS.

— None. —

## 4 — OTHER DOCUMENTS.

— None. —





## WINDSOR.

Windsor.

## I.—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS.

THE Parliamentary borough of Windsor consists of the parish of Windsor (including Windsor Park), the lower ward of the Castle, and a part of the parish of Clewer. The remainder of the precincts of the Castle, which is extra-parochial, is excluded. Present Parliamentary borough.

Its municipal and Parliamentary limits are identical, and no local Act is in force within the borough which affects any part outside the boundary.

The town of Windsor has considerably extended since 1832, but all new houses have been built westward of the town and within the parish of Clewer, in which direction alone is there any land available for building purposes. Extensions of town.

To the east and south, the town is bounded in every direction by the park, and northwards, beyond the Thames, which here separates Buckinghamshire and Berkshire, all land immediately available within the parish of Eton has been already built on. All the open grounds outside the town of Eton, excepting the playing fields of the boys, is "Lammas" land. Description.

In the parish of Clewer, the extension before alluded to is in some degree due to the number of houses pulled down in Windsor, under the Great Western Railway Act and the Windsor Improvement Act. It consists of houses, some detached, but generally speaking built in rows, along or adjoining the three roads (Clewer-road, Dedworth Road, and Spital Road), which leave the town in a westerly direction, and along Hatch-lane, which runs at right angles to them from Clewer village to Clewer Green. Clewer extension.

On the two first-mentioned roads, and between them, a large number of houses have been built immediately outside the borough, and forming a continuation of the town. They are 239 in number, and are mainly occupied by artizans and others who have their daily employment in Windsor, and also by small shopkeepers who supply their wants. The number of the population is about 1,100.

Immediately beyond this block, and separated only by a small quantity of building land which is now in the market, and which, we are informed, will be before long covered with houses, are Clewer New Town, a little to the south, and Clewer village, a little to the north.

Clewer New Town contains 115 new houses, with a population estimated at about 520, and of precisely the same character as those last described. Clewer New Town.

Clewer village contains 41 houses, with a population of about 200. It was originally agricultural, but has of late years been much occupied by people belonging to Windsor. Many of the old cottages have been pulled down, and have given place to substantial brick houses adapted for the best class of artizans and mechanics. Their annual rental is not less than 15 £. The character of the place is rapidly changing, and it is steadily becoming an extension of Windsor. Clewer village.

The line we submit herewith will take in the whole of the houses and building land above mentioned.

On the Spital-road there are about 20 houses contiguous to the boundary, which are a continuation of Windsor, and these will be included by our proposed line. Spital-road.

Beyond them is the village of Clewer Green, in which, including the houses at the lower end of Hatch-lane, there are about 112 houses, and of these about one-third are new. Many of the inhabitants depend on the adjoining cavalry barracks, which are situated just within the boundary. A few work in Windsor and Eton, and there are several good villa residences occupied by independent persons; but altogether we find that the rural character predominates, and as, moreover, any line embracing Clewer Green would also take in two large mansions with parks attached, and some amount of agricultural land, we have not drawn our line so as to include it. Clewer Green.

The town of Eton is immediately contiguous to the boundary of Windsor, and to all appearance they form parts of one and the same town, being separated merely by the River Thames, which is here about 70 yards in width. Eton.

Between Eton and Windsor such a connection subsists as might be expected between two parts of the same town. Persons residing there deal indifferently with tradesmen in either place, and the working classes are also employed indifferently on either side of the river. We were informed that, whilst the masters and heads of houses at Eton employ Windsor tradesmen as much as, if not more than Eton tradesmen, those employed on behalf of the boys, such as tailors, &c., usually carry on their business on the Eton side. Many of the inhabitants of Eton (including some of the masters) desire it to be included in the borough of Windsor, and strongly urged upon our consideration the fact that they are really "parts of the same town, in which the Castle is situated on one side the river, and

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the college on the other," and that, in all the "higher interests of the place, the inhabitants act together." Most of the local institutions and charities are supported equally by both towns, and are entitled "Windsor and Eton."

On the other hand, it was equally forcibly represented to us that they are distinct towns; and the head master, and others connected with Eton College, urged upon us the invisibility of Eton being joined to Windsor, on account of the effect it might have by mixing up the masters and boys in political contests. They also represented that the interests of Eton entirely depended on the college, which of itself had no connection with Windsor. This latter argument did not, however, appear to be supported by the evidence; whilst the former seems to owe all its weight to a question of expediency, but not to have a direct bearing on the scope of our inquiry. We cannot therefore report otherwise than that the town of Eton should, in our opinion, be added to the borough of Windsor.

The Great Western Railway branch line to Windsor forms a convenient boundary line, and separates the town of Eton from the agricultural part of the parish.

The number of inhabited houses contained by this line is 535, with a population (excluding the boys) estimated at about 2,800.\*

A proposition was made to us to add to the existing borough the whole of the parish of Clewer, and so much of the parishes of Eton, Stoke Pogis, and Upton-cum-Chalvey as lie to the east of the Great Western Railway branch to Windsor, and south of the Great Western Railway main line.

The parish of Clewer contains 1,666 acres, of which 1,490, containing 527 houses, form the portion outside the borough. We can see no ground for taking in so large an area of agricultural land.

Our proposed line will include an area not exceeding 250 acres, with a total of 415 houses, and an estimated population of about 1,900.

The portions of the two parishes of Stoke Pogis and Upton-cum-Chalvey contain the town of Slough, with a population of 3,435 in 1861, which has since considerably increased. It is situate two miles from Windsor, with which it does not appear to have any particular connection; certainly not more than usually exists between two towns similarly situated. We therefore see no need to entertain that part of the proposition. With reference to the parish of Eton, the line proposed is that which we herewith submit.

Proposal made to Assistant Commissioners.

Parish of Clewer.

Parishes of Stoke Pogis and Upton-cum-Chalvey.

Slough,

Proposed boundary.

The following will be the description of the proposed new borough:—

"The present borough of Windsor, so much of the parish of Eton as lies to the east of the Great Western Railway, and so much of the parish of Clewer as lies to the east of the following boundary, that is to say, from the first bend in the River Thames, west of the Clewer Mill, to a point on the Dedworth-road, 200 yards from its junction with Hatch-lane, measured westward along the said road; thence along the Dedworth-road to its junction with Hatch-lane; thence down Hatch-lane to the end of Albion-place; thence along the hedge-row which is the boundary of St. John's Orphan Home, to the point where it meets the footpath that leads from the Dedworth-road to the Spital-road; thence along the said footpath till it meets Green-lane; thence down Green-lane to Mr. Harris's farm, and continuing the same in a straight line till it meets the present boundary; thence southward along the present boundary to the point at the angle about a furlong north of the 'Stag and Hounds'; thence in a straight line to Clewer Lodge gate on the Spital-road; thence westward along the Spital-road to the point where it meets Chapel-lane; thence down the said lane and continuing it in a straight line to the angle of the present boundary by Mr. Applegarth's house."

## 2.—PETITIONS.

### PETITION of the Provost and College of *Eton*.

The humble Petition of the Provost and College of Eton, in the County of Buckingham:

Showeth,

THAT it is proposed by the Boundary Commissioners for England and Wales to extend the borough of Windsor, in the county of Berks, so as to include so much of the parish of Eton, in the county of Buckingham, as lies to the east of the Great Western Railway.

That such extension for political purposes would include the whole college of Eton, and be injurious to the educational character of the college and school.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray, that the borough of Windsor may not be so extended as to include the college and school of Eton.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

(Seal.)

\* The population of the town of Eton in 1861 was 2,840, with 537 inhabited houses.

PETITION of Inhabitants of *Eton*.Windsor.

The humble Petition of the several Inhabitants of Eton whose names are hereunto subscribed,

Showeth,

THAT it is proposed by the Report of the Boundary Commissioners for England and Wales to extend the borough of Windsor, in the county of Berks, so as to include so much of the parish of Eton, in the county of Buckingham, as lies to the east of the Great Western Railway. That such extension would include the whole of Eton College and the population of Eton, which has grown up around the college, and is distinct from the population of Windsor.

That it is very undesirable that Eton should be included in the borough of Windsor.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray, that the borough of Windsor may not be extended to Eton.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

116 Signatures.

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3.—MEMORIALS.

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— None. —

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4.—OTHER DOCUMENTS.

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— None. —





# DWELLING HOUSES.

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 21 May 1867;—for,

RETURN “ of the Number of DWELLING HOUSES (not included in a Composition under any General or Local Act) on account of which the LANDLORD or OWNER Pays the POOR RATES by Agreement with the Overseers or other Authority Assessing or Collecting the same, in the CITIES and BOROUGHs in *England* and *Wales* returning MEMBERS to PARLIAMENT.”

Poor Law Board, }  
15 August 1867. }

H. FLEMING,  
Secretary.

RETURN of the Number of DWELLING HOUSES (not included in a Composition under any General or Local Act) on account of which the LANDLORD or OWNER Pays the POOR RATES by Agreement with the Overseers or other Authority Assessing or Collecting the same, in the CITIES and BOROUGHs in *England* and *Wales* returning MEMBERS to PARLIAMENT.

| PARLIAMENTARY<br>CITIES<br>AND<br>BOROUGHs. | Parishes in which there are<br>Dwelling Houses<br>(not included in Composition<br>under any<br>General or Local Act)<br>on account of which the<br>Owners pay the Poor Rates<br>by Agreement with the<br>Overseers or other Authority. | Number<br>of Dwelling Houses<br>(not included<br>in Composition<br>under any<br>General or Local Act)<br>on account of<br>which the Owners<br>pay the Poor Rates<br>by Agreement<br>with the Overseers<br>or other Authority. | PARLIAMENTARY<br>CITIES<br>AND<br>BOROUGHs. | Parishes in which there are<br>Dwelling Houses<br>(not included in Composition<br>under any<br>General or Local Act)<br>on account of which the<br>Owners pay the Poor Rates<br>by Agreement with the<br>Overseers or other Authority. | Number<br>of Dwelling Houses<br>(not included<br>in Composition<br>under any<br>General or Local Act)<br>on account of<br>which the Owners<br>pay the Poor Rates<br>by Agreement<br>with the Overseers<br>or other Authority. |
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| <b>ENGLAND :</b>                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Abingdon - -                                | - - none - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Beverley - -                                | Storkhill and Sand-<br>holme.                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Andover - -                                 | - - none - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                             | Tickton - with - Hull-<br>bridge.                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 27                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Arundel - -                                 | Arundel - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 28                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Ashburton - -                               | Ashburton - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 288                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Bewdley - -                                 | Bewdley - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 30                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Ashton-under-Lyne                           | Ashton-under-Lyne -                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 646 (a)                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Birkenhead - -                              | Birkenhead - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 3,465                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Aylesbury - -                               | Ellesborough - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                             | Claughton - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 33                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                             | Halton - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 22                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                             | Tranmere - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 667                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                             | Hartwell - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                             | Higher Bebbington -                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 24                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                             | Horsenden - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 4,189                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 52                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Birmingham - -                              | Aston - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2,560                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Banbury - -                                 | - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                             | Edgbaston - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 92                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Barnstaple - -                              | - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2,652                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Bath - - -                                  | Bathwick - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 49                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Blackburn - -                               | - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                             | Lyncombe and Wid-<br>combe.                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 608                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Bodmin - - -                                | Lanhydrock - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                             | St. James - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 48                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Bolton - - -                                | Little Bolton - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 353                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                             | St. Michael - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 96                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                             | Tonge-with-Haulgh -                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 109                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                             | Walcot - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 630                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 462                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1,431                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Boston - - -                                | Skirbeck Quarter -                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 54                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Bedford - -                                 | - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Bradford - -                                | Maningham - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | (b)                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Berwick-on-Tweed -                          | - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

(a) There is no agreement with the overseers; the owners pay voluntarily.  
(b) Occasionally a few owners pay in the names of the occupiers.

## RETURN RELATING TO DWELLING HOUSES IN THE

| PARLIAMENTARY<br>CITIES<br>AND<br>BOROUGHES. | Parishes in which there are<br>Dwelling Houses<br>(not included in Composition<br>under any<br>General or Local Act)<br>on account of which the<br>Owners pay the Poor Rates<br>by Agreement with the<br>Overseers or other Authority. | Number<br>of Dwelling Houses<br>(not included<br>in Composition<br>under any<br>General or Local Act)<br>on account of<br>which the Owners<br>pay the Poor Rates<br>by Agreement<br>with the Overseers<br>or other Authority. | PARLIAMENTARY<br>CITIES<br>AND<br>BOROUGHES. | Parishes in which there are<br>Dwelling Houses<br>(not included in Composition<br>under any<br>General or Local Act)<br>on account of which the<br>Owners pay the Poor Rates<br>by Agreement with the<br>Overseers or other Authority. | Number<br>of Dwelling Houses<br>(not included<br>in Composition<br>under any<br>General or Local Act)<br>on account of<br>which the Owners<br>pay the Poor Rates<br>by Agreement<br>with the Overseers<br>or other Authority. |
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| Bridgnorth - -                               | Astley Abbots - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 27                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Canterbury (c) -                             | Holy Cross, Westgate<br>Without.                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 25                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | Eardington - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 10                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | Nackington - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              | Oldbury - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              | St. Dunstan - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 84                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | Quatt - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | St. Gregory - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 258                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | Romsley - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              | St. Paul - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 21                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 64                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | Staplegate - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 17                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Bridgwater - -                               | - - none - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                              | Thanington - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Bridport - -                                 | Burton Bradstock -                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 10                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 426                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Brighton - -                                 | Brighton - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1,105                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Carlisle - -                                 | Eaglesfield Abbey -                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              | Hove - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 131                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1,236                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Chatham - -                                  | - - none - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Bristol - -                                  | All Saints - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Cheltenham - -                               | - - none - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                              | Bedminster - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 414 (a)                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                              | Castle Precincts -                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Chester - -                                  | - - none - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                              | Christchurch - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                              | St. Augustine-the-Less                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 77                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Chichester - -                               | Rumbolds Wyke -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              | St. James - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              | St. James - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              | St. John - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              | St. Leonard - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Chippenham - -                               | Langley Burrell -                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 22                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | St. Mary Redcliffe -                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 25                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                              | St. Mary-le-Port -                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Christchurch - -                             | - - none - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                              | St. Michael - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 38                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                              | St. Nicholas - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Cirencester - -                              | - - none - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                              | St. Paul - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | (b)                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                              | St. Peter - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Clitheroe - -                                | Pendleton - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 104                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | St. Philip and St. Jacob                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | Wiswell - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              | St. Stephen - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 107                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | St. Thomas - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Cockermouth - -                              | Eaglesfield<br>Papcastle - -                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 4<br>53                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                              | St. Werburgh - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 26                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 57                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | Temple - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Colchester - -                               | All Saints - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 36                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 646                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | Greenstead - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Buckingham - -                               | Hillesden - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 37                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | Holy Trinity - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 17                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                              | Lexden - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Bury St. Edmunds -                           | - - none - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                              | Mile End, St. Michael                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                              | St. Botolph - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 61                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Bury - -                                     | Bury - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 720                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | St. Giles - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 113                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | Elton - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 515                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | St. James - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 46                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1,235                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                              | St. Leonard - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 16                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Calne - -                                    | Calne - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              | St. Martin - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Cambridge - -                                | Holy Sepulchre -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              | St. Mary Magdalen -                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 10                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | St. Andrew-the-Less -                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 101                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | St. Mary-at-the-Walls                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              | St. Benedict - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              | St. Nicholas - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              | St. Botolph - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              | St. Peter - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | St. Clement - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              | St. Runwald - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              | St. Giles - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 16                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 352                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | St. Mary-the-Great -                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                              | St. Mary-the-Less -                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                              | St. Peter - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 143                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

(a) In these cases the rates are paid by the owners by agreement with the occupiers.

(b) The collector states that he is unable to make the return.

(c) No returns have been received for the parishes of All Saints, Fordwich, St. Alphage, St. Andrew, and St. Mary Bredin. The overseers of St. Mary Bredman and St. Mary Northgate state that the Rate Books do not enable them to make the return.



| PARLIAMENTARY<br>CITIES<br>AND<br>BOROUGHES. | Parishes in which there are Dwelling Houses (not included in Composition under any General or Local Act) on account of which the Owners pay the Poor Rates by Agreement with the Overseers or other Authority. | Number of Dwelling Houses (not included in Composition under any General or Local Act) on account of which the Owners pay the Poor Rates by Agreement with the Overseers or other Authority. | PARLIAMENTARY<br>CITIES<br>AND<br>BOROUGHES. | Parishes in which there are Dwelling Houses (not included in Composition under any General or Local Act) on account of which the Owners pay the Poor Rates by Agreement with the Overseers or other Authority. | Number of Dwelling Houses (not included in Composition under any General or Local Act) on account of which the Owners pay the Poor Rates by Agreement with the Overseers or other Authority. |
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| Coventry - -                                 | Holy Trinity, with St. Peter's. - -                                                                                                                                                                            | 434                                                                                                                                                                                          | Dudley - - -                                 | - - none - -                                                                                                                                                                                                   | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                              | St. John Baptist, with St. Michael. - -                                                                                                                                                                        | 471                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 905                                                                                                                                                                                          | Durham - - -                                 | Crossgate - -                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 58                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                              | Framwellgate - -                                                                                                                                                                                               | 84                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Cricklade - -                                | Blunsdon, St. Andrew - -                                                                                                                                                                                       | 16                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | St. Giles or Gillgate - -                                                                                                                                                                                      | 43                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | Broad Hinton - -                                                                                                                                                                                               | 16                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | St. Nicholas - -                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | Dauntsey - -                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | St. Mary-le-Bow, or North Bailey. - -                                                                                                                                                                          | 9                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | Draycott Folliatt - -                                                                                                                                                                                          | 6                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 195                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                              | Hannington - -                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 55                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                              | Inglesham - -                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2                                                                                                                                                                                            | Evesham - - -                                | - - none - -                                                                                                                                                                                                   | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                              | Leigh - -                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 6                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                              | Liddington - -                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 59                                                                                                                                                                                           | Exeter - - -                                 | Allhallows, Goldsmith-street. - -                                                                                                                                                                              | 11                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | Shorncliffe - -                                                                                                                                                                                                | 5                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | Allhallows - on - the - Walls. - -                                                                                                                                                                             | 93                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | Stanton Fitzwarren - -                                                                                                                                                                                         | 28                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | Cathedral Precincts - -                                                                                                                                                                                        | 20                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | Stanton, St. Quintin - -                                                                                                                                                                                       | 13                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | Heavitree - -                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 110                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 208                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                              | Holy Trinity - -                                                                                                                                                                                               | 131                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Dartmouth - -                                | Townstall - -                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 20                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | St. David - -                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 6                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | St. Petrox - -                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 21                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | St. Edmund - -                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 106                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 41                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | St. George-the-Martyr - -                                                                                                                                                                                      | 28                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                              | St. John - -                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 22                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Derby - - -                                  | All Saints - -                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 68                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | St. Kerrian - -                                                                                                                                                                                                | 22                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | St. Alkmund - -                                                                                                                                                                                                | 498                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                              | St. Lawrence - -                                                                                                                                                                                               | 13                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | St. Michael - -                                                                                                                                                                                                | 11                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | St. Martin - -                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | St. Peter - -                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 642                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                              | St. Mary Arches - -                                                                                                                                                                                            | 39                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | St. Werburgh - -                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1,083                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                              | St. Mary Major - -                                                                                                                                                                                             | 195                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2,302                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                              | St. Mary Steps - -                                                                                                                                                                                             | 64                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                              | St. Olave - -                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 19                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Devizes (a) - -                              | - - none - -                                                                                                                                                                                                   | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                              | St. Pancras - -                                                                                                                                                                                                | 38                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                              | St. Paul - -                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 92                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                              | St. Petrock - -                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                              | St. Stephen - -                                                                                                                                                                                                | 13                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                              | St. Thomas - -                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 267                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Devonport - -                                | East Stonehouse - -                                                                                                                                                                                            | 281                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1,296                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                              | Stoke Damerel - -                                                                                                                                                                                              | 550                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 831                                                                                                                                                                                          | Eye - - -                                    | Braiseworth - -                                                                                                                                                                                                | 17                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                              | Eye - -                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 6                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Dorchester - -                               | - - none - -                                                                                                                                                                                                   | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                              | Occold - -                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 6                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                              | Redlingfield - -                                                                                                                                                                                               | 22                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 51                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Dover - - -                                  | Buckland - -                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 37                                                                                                                                                                                           | Finsbury (b) - -                             | Clerkenwell - -                                                                                                                                                                                                | 405                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                              | Charlton - -                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 261                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                              | Furnival's Inn - -                                                                                                                                                                                             | 58 (c)                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                              | Hougham - -                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 52                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | Rolls' Liberty - -                                                                                                                                                                                             | 16                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | St. James-the-Apostle - -                                                                                                                                                                                      | 126                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                              | St. Andrew, Holborn (above the Bars), and St. George-the-Martyr. - -                                                                                                                                           | 357                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                              | St. Mary-the-Virgin - -                                                                                                                                                                                        | 224                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 993 (d)                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 700                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                              | St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. George, Bloomsbury. - -                                                                                                                                                        | 1,829                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Droitwich - -                                | Doverdale - -                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 6                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                              | Elmbridge - -                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 8                                                                                                                                                                                            | Frome - - -                                  | - - none - -                                                                                                                                                                                                   | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                              | Hadsor - -                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 17                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                              | Hanbury - -                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 40                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                              | Malborough - -                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                              | Oddingley - -                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 15                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                              | St. Andrew - -                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 18                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                              | St. Nicholas - -                                                                                                                                                                                               | 4                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 111                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |

(a) No return for the parish of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

(b) No returns for Lincoln's Inn, Charterhouse, and Gray's Inn.

(c) The proprietor of the Inn pays all the rates on the houses. The number of male occupations, as shown in the Electoral Returns (1868), is given.

(d) Of these houses 693 are wholly let out in apartments, and 300 are occupied by individual tenants. The owners and not the occupiers are rated.

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| PARLIAMENTARY<br>CITIES<br>AND<br>BOROUGHES. | Parishes in which there are<br>Dwelling Houses<br>(not included in Composition<br>under any<br>General or Local Act)<br>on account of which the<br>Owners pay the Poor Rates<br>by Agreement with the<br>Overseers or other Authority. | Number<br>of Dwelling Houses<br>(not included<br>in Composition<br>under any<br>General or Local Act)<br>on account of<br>which the Owners<br>pay the Poor Rates<br>by Agreement<br>with the Overseers<br>or other Authority. | PARLIAMENTARY<br>CITIES<br>AND<br>BOROUGHES. | Parishes in which there are<br>Dwelling Houses<br>(not included in Composition<br>under any<br>General or Local Act)<br>on account of which the<br>Owners pay the Poor Rates<br>by Agreement with the<br>Overseers or other Authority.     | Number<br>of Dwelling Houses<br>(not included<br>in Composition<br>under any<br>General or Local Act)<br>on account of<br>which the Owners<br>pay the Poor Rates<br>by Agreement<br>with the Overseers<br>or other Authority. |
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| Gateshead - -                                | Gateshead - -<br>Heworth - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 56<br>2<br>58                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Hertford - -                                 | All Saints - -<br>Bengeo - - -<br>Brickendon - -                                                                                                                                                                                           | 5<br>3<br>2<br>10                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Gloucester - -                               | St. Catherine - -<br>St. Michael - -<br>South Hamlet - -                                                                                                                                                                               | 9<br>14<br>70<br>93                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Honiton - -                                  | Honiton - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Grantham - -                                 | Grantham - -<br>Spittlegate, Houghton,<br>and Walton.                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1<br>220<br>221                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Horsham - -                                  | - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Greenwich (a) -                              | Charlton-next-Wool-<br>wich.<br>Woolwich - - -                                                                                                                                                                                         | 333<br>318<br>651                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Huddersfield -                               | Huddersfield - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 49                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Great Grimsby -                              | Clee-with-Weelsby -<br>Cleethorpe - with -<br>Thrunscote.<br>Great Grimsby - -<br>Little Coates - -                                                                                                                                    | 4<br>4<br>63<br>1<br>72                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Huntingdon - -                               | Godmanchester - -<br>St. Benedict - -<br>St. John - - -<br>St. Mary - - -                                                                                                                                                                  | 9<br>4<br>2<br>3<br>18                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Guildford (b) -                              | Barrack Field, Friary-<br>place, Prospect-place,<br>and Bowling-green.<br>Holy Trinity - -                                                                                                                                             | 16<br>60<br>76                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Hythe (d) - -                                | Folkestone, Town -<br>St. Leonard Hythe -<br>West Hythe - -                                                                                                                                                                                | 111<br>8<br>1<br>120                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Halifax - - -                                | Southowram - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 339                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Ipswich - - -                                | Cold Dunghills<br>St. Margaret - -<br>St. Mary at the Tower<br>St. Helen - - -<br>St. Stephen - -<br>Westerfield - -<br>Whitton - - -<br>George-street - -<br>St. Mary Stoke - -<br>St. Matthew - -<br>St. Nicholas - -<br>St. Peter - - - | 30<br>2<br>35<br>89<br>17<br>75<br>248                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Harwich - - -                                | - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Ives, St. - - -                              | - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Hastings - - -                               | All Saints - - -<br>Holy Trinity or Priory<br>St. Clement - - -<br>St. Leonard - - -<br>St. Mary in the Castle<br>St. Mary Magdalen -                                                                                                  | 184<br>9<br>157<br>29<br>88<br>59<br>526                                                                                                                                                                                      | Kendal - - -                                 | Kendal - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Helston - - -                                | Wendron - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 66 (c)                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Kidderminster -                              | - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Hereford - - -                               | All Saints - - -<br>Upper Ballingham -                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 72<br>2<br>74                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | King's Lynn - -                              | St. Margaret - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | none. (e)                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Kingston-on-Hull -                           | Drypool - - -<br>Holy Trinity and St.<br>Mary.<br>Sculcoates - - -<br>Southcoates - - -                                                                                                                                                    | 162<br>411<br>165<br>88<br>826                                                                                                                                                                                                |

(a) No return for Greenwich parish.

(c) In these cases the tenant farmers or leaseholders, and not the occupiers, are assessed, and when the cottages are unoccupied the overseers make an allowance according to a uniform scale in the parish.

(b) No return for Stoke.

(d) No return for Newington-next-Hythe.

(e) The owners, in many cases, pay by agreement with the tenants, but in none by agreement with the parish authorities.

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| naresborough -                               | Scriven-with-Tentergate.                                                                                                                                                                                       | 8                                                                                                                                                                                            | London, City (d) -                           | Allhallows, London Wall.                                                                                                                                                                                       | 34                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| ambeth - -                                   | Lambeth - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | Barnard's Inn - -                                                                                                                                                                                              | 9                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| ancaster - -                                 | - - none - -                                                                                                                                                                                                   | none.                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                              | Christchurch, Newgate-street.                                                                                                                                                                                  | 18                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| auceston - -                                 | St. Thomas Street -                                                                                                                                                                                            | 32                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | Furnival's Inn - -                                                                                                                                                                                             | 35 (e)                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                              | South Petherwin -                                                                                                                                                                                              | 18                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | Holy Trinity-the-Less                                                                                                                                                                                          | 18                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 50                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | St. Alban, Wood-street                                                                                                                                                                                         | 6                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Leeds - - -                                  | Armley - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 174                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                              | St. Andrew, Holborn (below the Bars).                                                                                                                                                                          | 68                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | Bramley - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 41                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | St. Andrew Hubbard                                                                                                                                                                                             | 6                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | Chapel Allerton -                                                                                                                                                                                              | 9                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | St. Ann and St. Agnes, Aldersgate.                                                                                                                                                                             | 4                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | Farnley - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 225                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                              | St. Bartholomew-the-Great.                                                                                                                                                                                     | 100                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                              | Holbeck - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 104                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                              | St. Bartholomew-the-Less.                                                                                                                                                                                      | 7                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | Hunslet - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 5,665                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                              | St. Botolph Without, Aldgate.                                                                                                                                                                                  | 472                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                              | Leeds - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 808 (a)                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                              | St. Bride or St. Bridget                                                                                                                                                                                       | 65                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | Potternewton - -                                                                                                                                                                                               | 37                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | St. Dunstan-in-the-East.                                                                                                                                                                                       | 28                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | Templenewsam -                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | St. Dunstan-in-the-West.                                                                                                                                                                                       | 46                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 7,066                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                              | St. Ethelburga - -                                                                                                                                                                                             | 12                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Leicester - -                                | All Saints - - -                                                                                                                                                                                               | 109                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                              | St. Faith-the-Virgin -                                                                                                                                                                                         | 12                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | St. Leonard - - -                                                                                                                                                                                              | 61                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | St. Giles' Without, Cripplegate.                                                                                                                                                                               | 38                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | St. Martin - - -                                                                                                                                                                                               | 70                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | St. Gregory by St. Paul's.                                                                                                                                                                                     | 9                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | St. Mary - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 510                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                              | St. James, Duke's-place.                                                                                                                                                                                       | 25                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | The Newark - - -                                                                                                                                                                                               | 13                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | St. Leonard, Fosterlane.                                                                                                                                                                                       | 13                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 763                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                              | St. Margaret, New Fish-street.                                                                                                                                                                                 | 6                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Leominster - -                               | - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                 | none.                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                              | St. Martin, Ludgate -                                                                                                                                                                                          | 23                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                              | St. Mary-at-Hill -                                                                                                                                                                                             | 13                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| ewes (b) - -                                 | All Saints - - -                                                                                                                                                                                               | 4                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | St. Mary Magdalen, Old Fish-street.                                                                                                                                                                            | 1                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | St. Ann, or St. Peter and St. Mary, West-out.                                                                                                                                                                  | 16                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | St. Mary Mounthaw -                                                                                                                                                                                            | 27                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 20                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | St. Mary Somerset -                                                                                                                                                                                            | 8                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                              | St. Michael, Crookedlane.                                                                                                                                                                                      | 12                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| ichfield - -                                 | - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                 | none.                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                              | St. Michael, Queenhithe                                                                                                                                                                                        | 24                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                              | St. Nicholas, Cole Abbey.                                                                                                                                                                                      | 8                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Lincoln - - -                                | St. Margaret-in-the-Close.                                                                                                                                                                                     | 7                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | St. Nicholas Olave -                                                                                                                                                                                           | 14                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | St. Mary-le-Wigford -                                                                                                                                                                                          | 19                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | St. Olave, Silver-street                                                                                                                                                                                       | 30                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | St. Martin - - -                                                                                                                                                                                               | 11                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | St. Pancras, Soper-lane                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | St. Swithin - - -                                                                                                                                                                                              | 13                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | St. Peter, Paul's Wharf                                                                                                                                                                                        | 8                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 50                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | St. Sepulchre Without, Newgate.                                                                                                                                                                                | 31                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Liskeard - -                                 | Liskeard, Borough -                                                                                                                                                                                            | 22                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | St. Stephen, Coleman-street.                                                                                                                                                                                   | 98                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                              | St. Thomas-the-Apostle                                                                                                                                                                                         | 5                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Liverpool - -                                | Everton - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 126                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                              | Serjeant's Inn, Fleet-street.                                                                                                                                                                                  | 4                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | Liverpool - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                | 20,249 (c)                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                              | Whitefriars - - -                                                                                                                                                                                              | 41                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | Toxteth Park - - -                                                                                                                                                                                             | 5,501                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 25,876                                                                                                                                                                                       | Ludlow (f) - -                               | St. Lawrence - - -                                                                                                                                                                                             | 29                                                                                                                                                                                           |

(a) The agreement as to the payment of the rate is stated to be between the owner and the occupier, and not the owner and the overseers.

(b) No return for Kingston.

(c) In these cases the landlord paid a portion of the rate due from the occupier, the balance of the rate assessed upon the occupier having been excused.

(d) No returns for Middle and Inner Temple.

(e) The proprietor of the Inn pays the rates on all houses. The number given is that of the male occupiers, as shown by the Electoral Returns (1866).

(f) No return for Ludford.



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| Lyme Regis - -                               | Charmouth - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Monmouth - -                                 | Newport - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 208                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | Lyme Regis - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 16                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | St. Woollos - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 360                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 19                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | Usk - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 583                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Lymington - - -                              | - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Morpeth - - -                                | Bedlington - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 700 (b)                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                              | Newminster Abbey -                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Macclesfield - - -                           | Hurdsfield - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 26                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | Tranwell and High<br>Church.                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 706                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Maidstone - - -                              | - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Newark - - -                                 | Newark-on-Trent -                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 24                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Maldon - - -                                 | All Saints - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 10                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Newcastle - under -                          | - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                              | St. Mary - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              | Lyme.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                              | St. Peter - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 27                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Newcastle-on-Tyne -                          | All Saints - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 507                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                              | Byker - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 39                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Malmsbury - - -                              | St. Paul, Malmsbury -                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              | Elswick - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 114                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                              | Jesmond - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Malton - - -                                 | Norton - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 320                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | St. Andrew - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 29                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                              | St. John - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Manchester - - -                             | Ardwick - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 82                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | St. Nicholas - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | Beswick - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              | Westgate - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 164 (c)                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                              | Bradford - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 36                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 872                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | Cheetham - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1,244                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Newport (Isle of<br>Wight).                  | Carisbrook - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 10                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | Chorlton-on-Medlock                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 825                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | Whippingham - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              | Newton - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2,366                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 4,558                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Northallerton - -                            | Romanby - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 48                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Marlborough - - -                            | - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Northampton - -                              | All Saints - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 95                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                              | St. Peter - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Great Marlow - -                             | Great Marlow - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 101                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | Medmenham - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 31                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Norwich (d) - - -                            | St. George, Tombland                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 43                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | St. Giles - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Marylebone - - -                             | Paddington - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 249 (a)                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                              | St. John Sepulchre -                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              | St. Marylebone - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1,660 (a)                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                              | St. Paul - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              | St. Pancras - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 942 (a)                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                              | St. Swithin - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2,851                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                              | Thorpe - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 13                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Midhurst - - -                               | Bpton - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 29                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Nottingham - - -                             | St. Mary - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 2,884                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                              | Bignor - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              | St. Nicholas - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 198                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | Graffham - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 39                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | St. Peter - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 740                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | Heyshott - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 13                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 3,822                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                              | Linch - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Oldham - - -                                 | Chadderton - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 42                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | Midhurst - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                              | Trotton - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                              | Woolavington - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 111                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

(a) In these cases the owners are rated under the provisions of the Local Acts. They pay the full amount of the rates which would otherwise be payable by the occupiers.

(b) There are also six extensive collieries in the parish, with streets or long rows of tenements occupied by miners not entered in the rate book separately, but classed with the gross rental of the collieries. The miners themselves pay no rates.

(c) There are also several cases in which the rates are paid by the occupiers, the amount being afterwards deducted from the rent payable to the owners.

(d) No returns for St. Ethelred, St. Michael-at-Thorn, and St. Simon and St. Jude.



## RETURN RELATING TO DWELLING HOUSES IN THE

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| Salford - - -                                | Salford - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 60                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Southwark - - -                              | St. John, Horselydown<br>St. Mary Magdalen,<br>Bermondsey.                                                                                                                                                                             | 68<br>461                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Salisbury - - -                              | Close Liberty - - -<br>Fisherton Anger - - -<br>Milford - - -<br>St. Edmund - - -                                                                                                                                                                                           | 8<br>12<br>44<br>8                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | St. Mary, Rotherhithe<br>St. Olave - - -<br>St. Saviour's - - -                                                                                                                                                                        | 210<br>32<br>184                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 72                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 955                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Sandwich - - -                               | - - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Stafford - - -                               | St. Mary and St. Chad                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Scarborough - - -                            | - - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Stamford - - -                               | All Saints - - -<br>St. George - - -<br>St. Martin, Stamford<br>Baron.                                                                                                                                                                 | 6<br>15<br>8                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 29                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Shaftesbury - - -                            | Cann, or Shaston, St.<br>Rumbold.<br>Fontmell, Magna - - -<br>Melbury Abbas - - -<br>Todbere - - -                                                                                                                                                                          | 41<br>18<br>37<br>1                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Stoke-upon-Trent - - -                       | - - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 97                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Stockport - - -                              | Brinnington - - -<br>Cheadle Bulkeley - - -<br>Cheadle Moseley - - -<br>Heaton Norris - - -<br>Stockport - - -                                                                                                                         | 303<br>35<br>17<br>1,030<br>405                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Sheffield - - -                              | - - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1,790                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| New Shoreham (a) -                           | Alborne - - -<br>Bramber - - -<br>Broadwater - - -<br>Clapham - - -<br>Durrington - - -<br>Kingston-by-Sea - - -<br>Old Shoreham - - -<br>Patching - - -<br>Rusper - - -<br>Sompting - - -<br>Southwick - - -<br>Steyning - - -<br>Warminghurst - - -<br>West Tarring - - - | 37<br>4<br>21<br>31<br>18<br>12<br>14<br>31<br>17<br>15<br>85<br>13<br>8<br>53                                                                                                                                                | Stroud - - -                                 | Avening - - -<br>Leonard Stanley - - -<br>Randwick - - -<br>Rodborough - - -<br>Stonehouse - - -<br>Stroud - - -                                                                                                                       | 24<br>2<br>2<br>14<br>23<br>42 (b)                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 359                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 107                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Shrewsbury - - -                             | - - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Sunderland - - -                             | Bishop Wearmouth<br>Pans.<br>Bishop Wearmouth - - -<br>Monk Wearmouth - - -<br>Southwick - - -                                                                                                                                         | 10<br>682<br>42<br>236                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 970                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Southampton - - -                            | All Saints - - -<br>St. Mary - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 61<br>209                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Tamworth - - -                               | Bolehall and Glascote<br>Syerscote - - -<br>Tamworth Castle - - -                                                                                                                                                                      | 4<br>6<br>18                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 270                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 28                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| South Shields - - -                          | - - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Taunton - - -                                | St. Mary Magdalen -<br>Wilton - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 95<br>53                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 148                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

(a) No returns received for Lower Beeding and West Chiltington.

(b) It is stated in the Return that in these cases the houses are mostly occupied by gentlemen's servants, the masters paying the rates.



| PARLIAMENTARY<br>CITIES<br>AND<br>BOROUGH S. | Parishes in which there are<br>Dwelling Houses<br>(not included in Composition<br>under any<br>General or Local Act)<br>on account of which the<br>Owners pay the Poor Rates<br>by Agreement with the<br>Overseers or other Authority. | Number<br>of Dwelling Houses<br>(not included<br>in Composition<br>under any<br>General or Local Act)<br>on account of<br>which the Owners<br>pay the Poor Rates<br>by Agreement<br>with the Overseers<br>or other Authority. | PARLIAMENTARY<br>CITIES<br>AND<br>BOROUGH S. | Parishes in which there are<br>Dwelling Houses<br>(not included in Composition<br>under any<br>General or Local Act)<br>on account of which the<br>Owners pay the Poor Rates<br>by Agreement with the<br>Overseers or other Authority. | Number<br>of Dwelling Houses<br>(not included<br>in Composition<br>under any<br>General or Local Act)<br>on account of<br>which the Owners<br>pay the Poor Rates<br>by Agreement<br>with the Overseers<br>or other Authority. |
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| Avistock - - - - none - -                    | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Warrington - - -                             | Letchford - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 49                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Bewkesbury - - - - none - -                  | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Warwick - - -                                | St. Mary - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 55                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Bethford - - -                               | St. Cuthbert - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              | St. Nicholas - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 24                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | St. Mary - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 79                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | St. Peter - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 10                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 23                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Wells - - - - -                              | - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Thirsk - - -                                 | Bagby-with-Islebeck -                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Wenlock - - -                                | Badger - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 32                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | Sand Hutton - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | Beckbury - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 27                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | Sowerby - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 20                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | Heath - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              | Thirsk - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 24                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | Madeley - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 17                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 65                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | Monkhopton - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                              | Much Wenlock - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Tiverton - - -                               | Tiverton - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | about 40                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                              | Munslow - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 109                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Totnes - - -                                 | Berry Pomeroy - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 34                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Westbury - - -                               | - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                              | Totnes - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 77                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 111                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Westminster (b) - - -                        | - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Lower Hamlets -                              | Christchurch, Spital-<br>fields.                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 300 (a)                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Weymouth and Mel-<br>combe Regis.            | Wyke Regis - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              | Old Tower, Without                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                              | Ratcliff - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 56                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Whitby - - - - -                             | - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                              | St George-in-the-East                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 218                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                              | St. John, Hackney -                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Whitehaven - - -                             | Whitehaven - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 29                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | St. John of Wapping                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                              | St. Leonard, Shore-<br>ditch.                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 630                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Wigan - - - - -                              | Wigan - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 47                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | St. Mary, Whitechapel                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 149                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1,369                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Wilton - - - - -                             | Barford, St. Martin -                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 22                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Urru - - - - -                               | - - none - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | - none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                              | Bishopstone - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Wynemouth - - -                              | Cullercoates - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 235                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | Britford - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                              | Burcombe - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 42                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Wakefield - - -                              | Stanley-with-Wren-<br>thorpe.                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 371                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              | Great Wishford - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                              | Groveley Wood - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Wallingford - - -                            | Allhallows-with-Clap-<br>cot.                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              | Woodford - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              | Bensington - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 107                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | Cholsey - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Winchester (c) -                             | Chilcombe - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 14                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | North Moreton - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | St. Bartholomew,                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 38                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | St. Leonard - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              | Hyde.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                              | St. Mary-le-More -                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              | St. John - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 21                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 39                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | St. Mary, Kalendar -                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 24                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Walsall - - -                                | Walsall Borough -                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              | St. Maurice - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 82                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                              | St. Michael - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Wareham - - -                                | Bere Regis - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 42                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | St. Peter, Cheesehill                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              | Morden - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              | St. Peter, Colebrook -                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 28                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 46                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              | St. Thomas - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 13                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                              | Weeke - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 30                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                              | Winnall - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 278                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

(a) This is stated to be an approximate number.

(b) No return for St. Margaret and St. John, Westminster.

(c) No return for St. Faith.

RETURN RELATING TO DWELLING HOUSES IN THE

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| Windsor - -                                | New Windsor-with-<br>Windsor Castle.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 89                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Wolverhampton - -                          | Bilston - - -<br>Wednesfield - - -<br>Willenhall - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 69<br>79<br>187                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 335                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Woodstock - -                              | Begbrooke - - -<br>Blenheim Park - - -<br>Handborough - - -<br>Hensington - - -<br>Shipton-on-Cherwell -<br>Thrup - - -<br>Woodstock - - -                                                                                                                                                                                   | 10<br>19<br>10<br>1<br>26<br>27<br>27                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 120                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Worcester - -                              | All Saints - - -<br>Blockhouse - - -<br>Claines - - -<br>St. Alban - - -<br>St. Andrew - - -<br>St. Clement - - -<br>St. Helen - - -<br>St. John, Bedwardine<br>St. Martin - - -<br>St. Michael, Bedwar-<br>dine.<br>St. Nicholas - - -<br>St. Swithin - - -<br>St. Peter - - -<br>Whistones - - -                           | 35<br>114<br>66<br>2<br>20<br>40<br>23<br>16<br>118<br>11<br>26<br>14<br>177<br>66                                                                                                                                            |
|                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 728                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Wycombe - -                                | High Wycombe - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 21                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Great Yarmouth - -                         | Gorlestone-with-South<br>Town.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 20                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| York - - -                                 | All Saints, North<br>Street.<br>Clifton - - -<br>Fulford Gate - - -<br>Holy Trinity, Good-<br>ramgate.<br>Holy Trinity, King's<br>Court.<br>Holy Trinity, Mickle-<br>gate.<br>Minster Yard-with-<br>Beddern.<br>St. Andrew - - -<br>St. Crux - - -<br>St. Cuthbert, St. Helen-<br>on-the-Walls, and<br>All Saints, Peasholm. | 217<br>76<br>224<br>22<br>25<br>111<br>23<br>30<br>78<br>306                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| York—continued -                           | St. Denis-in-Walmgate<br>St. George - - -<br>St. Helen, Stonegate -<br>St. John, Delpike - -<br>St. John, Micklegate<br>St. Lawrence - - -<br>St. Margaret, Walm-<br>gate.<br>St. Martin-le-Grand<br>St. Martin, Micklegate-<br>with-St. Gregory.<br>St. Mary, Bishophill,<br>Senior.<br>St. Mary, Bishophill,<br>Junior.<br>St. Mary, Castle Gate<br>St. Mary, Olave Gate<br>St. Maurice-in-the-<br>Suburbs.<br>St. Michael-le-Belfry<br>St. Michael, Spurrier<br>Gate.<br>St. Nicholas-in-the-<br>Suburbs.<br>St. Peter-le-Willows -<br>St. Peter-the-Little -<br>St. Sampson - - -<br>St. Saviour - - -<br>St. Wilfred - - - | 68<br>298<br>8<br>23<br>68<br>117<br>475<br>7<br>49<br>429<br>496<br>47<br>41<br>206<br>22<br>27<br>10<br>101<br>17<br>29<br>311<br>1                                                                                         |
|                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3,962                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| WALES:                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Beaumaris - -                              | Llanfaes - - -<br>Llangefni - - -<br>Llaniestyn - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 6<br>35<br>13                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 54                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Brecknock - -                              | Christchurch College                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Cardiff - - -                              | Cardiff, St. John -<br>Cowbridge - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 495<br>4                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 499                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Cardigan - - -                             | Issayndre - - -<br>Lampeter Pont Stephen<br>Llandyfriog - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 5<br>97<br>25                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 127                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Carmarthen - -                             | St. Peter, Carmarthen                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 47                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Carnarvon - -                              | Llanbeblig - - -<br>Nevin - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 6<br>60                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 66                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| Denbigh - -                                  | Llanfwrog - - -<br>Ruthin - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 10<br>1                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Pembroke - -                                 | Hubberston - -<br>St. Mary, Tenby - -<br>Stainton - - -                                                                                                                                                                                | 47<br>11<br>16                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 74                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Flint - - -                                  | Caerwys - - -<br>St. Asaph - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 51<br>3                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Radnor - - -                                 | Discoed - - -<br>Heyop - - -<br>Llanfihangel Beguildy<br>New Radnor - - -<br>Old Radnor - - -<br>Stapleton - - -<br>Upper Harpton - -<br>Walton and Womaston                                                                           | 2<br>2<br>2<br>6<br>1<br>8<br>1<br>3                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 54                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Haverfordwest -                              | St. Mary, Haverford-<br>west.<br>St. Thomas - - -                                                                                                                                                                                      | 5<br>6                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 25                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Merthyr Tydfil -                             | Aberdare - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 129                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Swansea - - -                                | Higher Llansamlet -<br>Lower Llansamlet -<br>Margam (Aberavon) -<br>Michaelstone, Lower -<br>St. John, near Swansea<br>St. Thomas - - -<br>Swansea Town and<br>Franchise.                                                              | 3<br>2<br>182<br>25<br>35<br>7<br>270                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Montgomery - -                               | Machynlleth - -<br>Pool (Middle) - -<br>Pool (Upper) - -                                                                                                                                                                               | 4<br>5<br>13                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 524                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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*Note.*—In the cases of Parishes not wholly comprised within a Parliamentary Borough, the Returns only apply to such parts as are within the Borough.

In several Parishes included in this Return the rates are paid by the owners, by agreement with the occupiers, and not by agreement with the overseers or other authority.

The Returns for the following Parishes were returned for revision, but have not since been received, viz. :—

*Cricklade Borough*—Somerford Keynes.

*Cardigan Borough*—Lampeter Pont Stephen.

*Ludlow Borough*—St. Lawrence.

*New Shoreham Borough*—Broadwater.

*Wakefield Borough*—Stanley-cum-Wrenthorpe.



DWELLING HOUSES.

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RETURN of the Number of DWELLING HOUSES  
(not included in a Composition under any  
General or Local Act) on account of which the  
LANDLORD or OWNER pays the POOR RATES  
by Agreement with the Overseers or other  
Authority assessing or collecting the same, in  
the CITIES and BOROUGHs in *England* and  
*Wales* returning MEMBERS to PARLIAMENT.

(*Mr. Ayrton.*)

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*Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,  
26 November 1867.*

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## ELECTION PETITIONS TRIAL.

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RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 14 February 1868;—for,

COPY “of LETTER from the LORD CHIEF JUSTICE of *England* to the LORD  
CHANCELLOR respecting the TRIAL of ELECTION PETITIONS.”

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My Lord,

Court of Queen's Bench,  
6 February 1868.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's note of the 31st ultimo, calling my attention to the Bill “for amending the Law relating to Election Petitions, and providing more effectually for the Prevention of Corrupt Practices at Parliamentary Elections,” now pending in the House of Commons, and requesting me to consult the Judges as to “the best mode of providing assistance for the event of a General Election, and the influx of petitions which always follows.”

Since the receipt of your Lordship's communication, I have procured a copy of the Bill, and find that, according to its provisions, Election Petitions are in future to be presented in the Court of Queen's Bench, and having been so presented are to be tried by one of the Judge's of the Superior Courts, without a jury in the borough or county, as the case may be, to which the Petition relates.

In conformity with your Lordship's wishes, I have consulted the Judges, and I am charged by them, one and all, to convey to you their strong and unanimous feeling of insuperable repugnance to having these new and objectionable duties thrust upon them.

We are unanimously of opinion that the inevitable consequence of putting Judges to try Election Petitions will be to lower and degrade the judicial office, and to destroy, or at all events materially impair, the confidence of the public in the thorough impartiality and inflexible integrity of the Judges, when, in the course of their ordinary duties, political matters come incidentally before them. This confidence, which does so much to maintain the respect for the administration of justice, and to uphold the salutary influence of its ministers, has in great measure arisen from the Judges being in no way mixed up with political matters, except when, as was just observed, such matters are unavoidably involved in ordinary trials. This confidence will speedily be destroyed, if, after the heat and excitement of a contested election, a Judge is to proceed to the scene of recent conflict, while men's passions are still roused, and, in the midst of eager and violent partisans, is to go into all the details of electioneering practices, and to decide on questions of general or individual corruption, not unfrequently supported or resisted by evidence of the most questionable character. The decision of the Judge given under such circumstances will too often fail to secure the respect which judicial decisions command on other occasions. Angry and excited partisans will not be unlikely to question the motives which have led to the judgment. Their sentiments may be echoed by the press. Such is the influence of party conflict, that it is apt to inspire distrust and dislike of whatever interferes with party objects and party triumphs. Can it be expected that, if brought into contact with these strong prejudices and passions, the judicial office will not suffer in the public esteem? that its dignity will not be lowered, and the veneration which has hitherto attached to it be materially diminished? Would it be worth while to incur the danger of such a result for the sake of creating a more efficient tribunal for the trial of Election Petitions, when this end can doubtless be attained by less objectionable means?

In the next place, it is to be observed that the functions which the Judges are called upon to discharge are altogether beyond the scope of the duties which, on

accepting the office of Judges, we took on ourselves to fulfil. We are at a loss to see how Parliament can, with justice or propriety, impose on us labours wholly beyond the sphere of our constitutional duties, and which no one ever contemplated the possibility of our being called upon to perform.

I have further to point out that we are thoroughly satisfied that the proposed scheme is impracticable, and that the performance by the Judges of the onerous duties which this Bill proposes to cast on them is neither more nor less than a sheer impossibility. The first business of the Judges is to perform those duties which by their oath of office they have bound themselves to discharge, namely, in their respective courts or on their circuits, to administer justice between the Crown and the subject, or between subject and subject. While this all-important duty remains to be done, the Judges can postpone it to no other. The time of the Judges is known to be more than fully occupied. Attention has been of late directed towards devising means for relieving them from a portion of their labours, so as to enable them, without the addition of more Judges, to perform their more important duties without the delays which the accumulation of unavoidable arrears entails upon the suitors. Whether even this will be accomplished remains extremely doubtful. Can it be wise, under such circumstances, to scatter the Judges over the country to try Election Petitions?

We would venture to ask which Court is to be suspended in order to furnish Judges even for occasional petitions, to say nothing of the trial of petitions after a general election, when, if any material portion of the work of trying petitions is to be done by the Judges, Westminster Hall would have to be shut up altogether? Assuming even that a Judge or two could be spared in term-time, which, however, could not be done without exceeding inconvenience, what is to be done after term? Are the sittings in Error, or the post-terminal sittings of the different Courts, to be suspended, or the *Nisi Prius* trials to be put off? And what as regards the circuits? Is a Judge to set aside Her Majesty's commission, and leave the jails undelivered and causes untried, while he is occupied in investigating the unclean doings of a corrupt borough? Your Lordship knows, from professional experience, as I do, the length of time the trial of an Election Petition, particularly if it involves a scrutiny, very often takes; and I perceive it is not only on questions affecting the seat of A. or B. that the Judges are to be required to adjudicate, but, where petitions allege general corruption, the Judges are equally to be called into requisition. We know, by recent experience, the length of time which these inquiries frequently occupy; so that if the Judges are to be engaged on them they will inevitably be withdrawn from their proper duties for considerable periods at a time. How can this possibly be consistent with the interest of the suitors or of the public?

We entertain no doubt that the framers of the measure have had no other than the praiseworthy object of providing for the trial of Election Petitions a tribunal which should command general confidence; but we cannot but think that they must have overlooked the important considerations to which we have adverted. We trust it is not too late to call attention to them now.

Your Lordship suggests that assistance should be obtained after a general election. But if this be contemplated as the proper course on such an occasion, why have recourse to the Judges at all? Why not employ those who would be resorted to on such an occasion, on all others? The only quarter in which assistance could properly be sought will probably have already suggested itself to your own mind. Every one knows that, owing to the accidents which determine professional success and business at the bar, there are always a certain number of counsel whose business is not proportioned to their known abilities and learning, and whose sound judgment and judicial aptitude are recognised by the references which are frequently submitted to them as arbitrators. Many of these would probably be willing to undertake the employment in question, and it might safely and conveniently be intrusted to them, while to put such duties on the Judges would be a most fatal mistake.

I will not longer detain your Lordship. I have only, in conclusion, to protest, in the name of all the Judges and my own, most earnestly and emphatically, against the proposed scheme, as one which, besides being unconstitutional and unjust towards the Judges, is calculated to degrade the character of the Bench,



Bench, to impair the confidence and esteem now happily entertained for the Judges, as well as their influence and utility, and most seriously to interfere with the administration of justice.

We trust to your Lordship to convey our sentiments to the Government, and, if necessary, to the Legislature; and we hope we may confidently rely on your influence, as the head of the profession, to protect us, if possible, against this, in every respect, most objectionable measure.

I have, &c.

Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor,  
&c. &c. &c.

(signed) *A. E. Cockburn.*

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ELECTION PETITIONS TRIAL.

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COPY of LETTER from the Lord Chief Justice  
of *England* to the Lord Chancellor respecting  
the TRIAL of ELECTION PETITIONS.

(*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.*)

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*Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,*  
*14 February 1868.*

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GENERAL COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS.

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The MR. SPEAKER'S WARRANT

For the Appointment of MEMBERS to serve on the GENERAL  
COMMITTEE of ELECTIONS for 1867-8.

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PURSUANT to the Provisions of "The Election Petitions Act, 1848," I do  
hereby appoint—

*Samuel Whitbread*, Esq., Member for the Borough of Bedford ;

*James Clay*, Esq., Member for the Town of Kingston-upon-Hull ;

The Honourable *Edward Frederic Leveson Gower*, Member for the  
Borough of Bodmin ;

Sir *Frederic William Heygate*, Baronet, Member for the County of  
Londonderry ;

Sir *William Stirling-Maxwell*, Baronet, Member for the County of  
Perth ; and

The Honourable *Agernon Fulke Egerton*, Member for the Southern Division  
of the County of Lancaster ;

To be Members of the GENERAL COMMITTEE of ELECTIONS for the present  
Session.

Given under my hand, this 25th day of November 1867,

JOHN EVELYN DENISON,  
SPEAKER.

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GENERAL COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS.

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MR. SPEAKER'S WARRANT

For the Appointment of MEMBERS to serve on  
the GENERAL COMMITTEE of ELECTIONS for  
1867-8.

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*Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,  
25 November 1867.*

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VOTERS (OXFORD, &c. UNIVERSITIES).

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RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 27 April 1868 ;—*for*,

“RETURN of the Number of VOTERS on the ELECTORAL ROLL of the  
UNIVERSITIES of OXFORD, CAMBRIDGE, and DUBLIN on the 1st day  
of January 1868.”

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|                     | Number of<br>Voters. |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| OXFORD - - - - -    | 4,190                |
| CAMBRIDGE - - - - - | 5,440                |
| DUBLIN - - - - -    | 1,871                |

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VOTERS (OXFORD, &c. UNIVERSITIES).

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RETURN of the Number of Voters on the  
Electoral Roll of the UNIVERSITIES of  
OXFORD, CAMBRIDGE, and DUBLIN on the 1st  
day of January 1868.

(*Sir Colman O'Loughlen.*)

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*Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,  
13 May 1868.*

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## REVENUE OFFICERS DISABILITIES REMOVAL BILL.

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RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 10 June 1868;—for,

COPY “of REPORT to the Treasury by the Commissioners of Customs and  
Inland Revenue upon the REVENUE OFFICERS DISABILITIES REMOVAL  
BILL.”

Treasury Chambers, }  
10 June 1868. }

G. SCLATER-BOOTH.

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REPORT from the COMMISSIONERS of CUSTOMS, dated 6th June 1868.

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To the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

MR. LAW having transmitted, in his letter of the 2nd instant, copy of a Bill now before Parliament, entitled “A Bill to relieve certain Officers employed in the Collection and Management of Her Majesty's Revenues from any Legal Disability to vote at the Election of Members to serve in Parliament,” and Mr. Law having signified the request of your Lordships to be favoured with any observations we might have to make thereon:

We report,

That in our opinion the measure is highly objectionable, on the following grounds, viz.:

That it would introduce political agitation into departments at present free from it.

That it would interfere with the convenience and discipline of the service, inasmuch as, in order to avoid the imputation of political favouritism, it would be necessary, as in the cases of officers and men in the army and navy, for principals of departments to grant leave of absence to officers whenever they might request it for the purpose of voting, however inconvenient it might be to the public service.

That it might lead to political combinations for the purpose of obtaining from Her Majesty's Government an increase of salary or other personal advantages which the officers would have hesitated to ask for, if not supported by political influence.

That on the promotion of officers, it would lead to the imputation of political motives on the part of superior officers as favouring those holding political views in accordance with their own; whereas, at the present time, as the officers can take no part in elections, their political opinions are either not known, or if so, not regarded; and further,

That it would be inconvenient to the officers themselves, as subjecting them at times to solicitations for their votes from which they are now free, and might place them in equivocal and difficult positions.

For these reasons, we should very much regret were any such proposition, as that made by the promoters of this Bill, to be entertained.

Custom House, 6 June 1868.

(signed) *F. Goulburn,*  
*Grenville C. L. Berkeley.*

A BILL to relieve certain Officers employed in the Collection and Management of Her Majesty's Revenues from any Legal Disability to Vote at the Election of Members to serve in Parliament.

WHEREAS it is inexpedient that any person otherwise entitled to be registered as a voter should be incapacitated to vote at the Election of a Member or Members to serve in Parliament by reason of his being employed in the collection or management of Her Majesty's Revenues :

Be it enacted, by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1. The enactments contained in the Schedule to this Act are hereby repealed.

Repeal of Enactments in Schedule.

#### SCHEDULE.

22 Geo. 3, c. 41.

43 Geo. 3, c. 25.

7 & 8 Geo. 4, c. 53, s. 9.

#### REPORT from the COMMISSIONERS of INLAND REVENUE.

Inland Revenue, Somerset House,  
8 June 1868.

May it please your Lordships,

WE have had the honour to receive Mr. Law's letter of the 2nd instant, transmitting to us a copy of a Bill now before Parliament "to relieve certain Officers employed in the Collection and Management of Her Majesty's Revenues from any Legal Disability to vote at the Election of Members to serve in Parliament," and requesting our observations thereon.

It will be in the recollection of your Lordships that this question was mooted last Session, during the passing of the English Reform Bill. The discussion will be found at pages 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035 and 1036 of Volume 188 of "Hansard's Parliamentary Debates."

So far as this department is concerned we may say, in the words used on that occasion by Mr. Gladstone, that "it is impossible to exaggerate the importance of this question."

At the same time we are not surprised that those who are not intimately acquainted with the practical administration of the Revenue Laws should fail to appreciate, as we do, the mischief which would inevitably result from the Bill now before us, should it ever become law.

We gather from the speeches of those who advocated this extension of the franchise last year, as well as from other published statements, that it is generally supposed that the principal, if not the only reason for maintaining the existing law, is a dread of the influence of the Government of the day being brought to bear on a large body of voters who hold their offices during pleasure. That this, as in the case of the statute of Queen Anne excluding office holders and pensioners from Parliament, was the leading idea of those who originally deprived Revenue officers of their votes, is most probably true; but without altogether ignoring that element in the consideration of this question, we should certainly consider it, at the present day of minor importance, and if it stood alone in the way of the proposed enactment we should have but little difficulty in passing it by.

The real danger lies in an opposite direction. It is not the increase of the power of the Government in controlling elections which is to be apprehended, but the paralyzation of the executive in administering the Revenue Laws firmly and impartially, and to use the words of our oath of office "without fear, favour, or affection" for the public good, and it is with a deep sense of this danger that, being responsible for the assessment and collection of duties amounting to 40 millions in the year, we seize the opportunity afforded by your Lordships'



Lordships' reference to deprecate most earnestly the projected enfranchisement of those employed in the department of Inland Revenue.

It has been asked—and the question shows how little is understood that objection to the measure which is, in our view, so striking and so important,—it has been asked why the Revenue officers should be disfranchised when persons employed in the Treasury, the War Office, the Admiralty, and other great departments are allowed to vote; why, indeed, officers of Revenue are not as much entitled to the franchise as officers of the Army and Navy. Our answer is, because clerks in the War Office, and officers of the Army are not distributed over the kingdom with charge of distillers, brewers, maltsters, spirit dealers, tobaccoists, and other traders, to watch and control their operations, in the course of their manufactures or trades, as are officers of Excise; nor to ascertain the profits of every trader and professional man, and the number of servants, horses, and carriages kept by every individual, as are officers of Taxes. It would be difficult to see how the public service could be injured by a clerk in the War Office acting on the Election Committee of *A. B.* and actively canvassing for him; but we have only to suppose an officer of Excise in the same position, and that *C. D.*, the opposing candidate (or even one of *C. D.*'s most prominent supporters), is a distiller or maltster, to make the difference between the two cases apparent to any one. If an Excise officer so situated should find it his duty about the time of the Election to procure a search warrant to ransack *C. D.*'s house, or to put his distillery under seizure, and bring an information against him for penalties, no one can doubt that he would subject himself to the greatest suspicion of using the power conferred on him as a Revenue officer to serve a political party, and the mischief of such an imputation would be nearly the same, whether it were true or false.

Again, it is often necessary that we should use the large powers confided to us in the interest of the public, in a mode necessarily placing an excise trader at a disadvantage in competing with others, as by requiring a maltster, whom we know to be in pecuniary difficulties, to pay the duty upon each steeping of grain as soon as it is made into malt. We must, of course, be guided very much by information from our local officers in such a case; and it is a difficult and delicate matter, even now, to make it manifest that we are acting with strict impartiality.

If our officers were political partisans it would be perfectly impossible.

The converse of such cases is equally to be apprehended. If a trader, subject to the excise laws, or a manufacturer, liable to make returns of profits under Schedule D., came under the supervision of a revenue officer, known as an active supporter of the party to which the manufacturer or trader also belonged, what can be more certain than that rivals in trade of the opposite party would impute to favouritism, at the expense of the Revenue, any immunity from charges or restrictions which they themselves might not enjoy.

It is probably unnecessary to illustrate this view of the subject by further examples.

The knowledge which your Lordships possess of the machinery by which the revenue is collected will readily furnish numerous and striking instances of the difficulties to which we should be exposed.

It may be worth while, however, to state that we are not left entirely without the light of experience to guide us in our conclusions.

Strong party feeling is not confined to politics, and whenever our officers have unfortunately become identified with any particular party in a borough, either in parochial or municipal contests, or even with one of several rival religious sects, we have experienced on a minor scale all the annoyance which we so confidently anticipate from politics. Our officers generally are aware that we look upon such partisanship as a disqualification for the proper discharge of their duties; but instances are not wanting in which we have been obliged to remove them, not because they were not doing their duty, but because it was impossible to convince the taxpayers under their charge that they were doing it impartially.

And this brings us to another consideration; namely, the effect of the proposed measure on the relations between the Board and their officers.

The power of removal to which we have just been referring, is one of the most valuable parts of our disciplinary system. If an officer is believed to be on terms of too great intimacy with a trader under his survey; if he has fallen



into the company of bad associates ; if he appears to be deficient in the acuteness and energy requisite for dealing with some fraudulent trader ; or if he has identified himself with any particular religious sect or parochial party, so as to be obnoxious to other sects and parties in the locality, his removal to another district is a ready and effectual check to the mischief which would otherwise ensue. But when the officer becomes a voter, when he is perhaps one of the managers for a political party in a small borough, what will not be our difficulty in sending him away, perhaps on the eve of an election, and what will not be the suspicions of party motives to which the Board, and the superior officers who recommend his removal, will be subjected !

We say nothing of the applications from Members of Parliament, to ourselves, and to your Lordships, which every such case would inevitably call forth, because although troublesome, and occasioning a prejudicial delay, we trust that we should be supported by your Lordships, and by public opinion, in taking our own course, as hitherto, without being influenced by such interference. Still it would, undoubtedly, add much to the trouble and difficulty of managing this great department.

We must also remind your Lordships that removals are the necessary consequence of promotions as well as of reductions, and that in both those cases we should be hampered by the status of our officers as voters.

It may be said that, admitting our objections to be valid as regards the outdoor officers, they do not apply to those employed at Somerset House, or in the establishment at Edinburgh or Dublin, and there would be, no doubt, some degree of truth in such an observation.

Still we should not recommend that any distinction between the two classes should be made. There are many persons on the establishment at the head office, such as the Surveying General Examiners of Excise, and Inspectors and Surveyors of Taxes, who are employed partly in office work here and partly in surveying duties, and there is scarcely a clerk in the establishment who might not be said more or less to be concerned in the duties in which the outdoor officers are more immediately employed. So far as we ourselves, the Board, are concerned, we should much regret the exchange of our present position of absolute neutrality, for one which might lay us open to the suspicion of partisanship.

We trust that the above observations may be sufficient to convince your Lordships of the great mischief which would be caused should this Bill become law. It is scarcely too much to say that the efficient administration of this department, and the due collection of the Inland Revenue, would, under the circumstances that we have referred to, be next to impossible.

We have, &c.

(signed) *W. H. Stephenson.*  
*C. J. Herries.*  
*Henry Roberts.*

To the Lords Commissioners  
of Her Majesty's Treasury.



REVENUE OFFICERS DISABILITIES  
REMOVAL BILL.

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COPY of Report to the Treasury by the Commissioners of Customs and Inland Revenue upon the REVENUE OFFICERS DISABILITIES REMOVAL BILL.

(*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.*)

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AREA, POPULATION, &c. (IRELAND).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 30 March 1868;—for,

RETURN “showing the GROSS AREA, the POPULATION according to the Census of 1861, the Estimated POPULATION in 1867, the Annual Value of REAL PROPERTY, the Number of OCCUPIERS Rated at more than £.4 and less than £.8, the Number Rated at £.8 and less than £.12, and the Number Rated at £.12 and upwards, for the Townships of *Kingstown*, *Blackrock*, and *Dalkey*, all in the County of Dublin; these Particulars to be given in separate Columns, and to be added up so as to show the Total of the whole.”

No. 1.

RETURN showing the GROSS AREA, the POPULATION according to the Census of 1861, the Estimated POPULATION in 1867, the Annual Value of REAL PROPERTY, the Number of OCCUPIERS Rated at more than £.4 and less than £.8, the Number Rated at £.8 and less than £.12, and the Number Rated at £.12 and upwards, for the Townships of *Kingstown*, *Blackrock*, and *Dalkey*, all in the County of Dublin; these Particulars to be given in separate Columns, and to be added up so as to show the Total of the whole.

| NAMES<br>OF<br>TOWNSHIPS. | Gross Area.         | Population<br>in<br>1861.                      | Estimated<br>Population in<br>1867. | Rateable<br>Valuation in<br>1867. | Number of Holdings Rated at              |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                           |                     |                                                |                                     |                                   | More than £. 4<br>and less than<br>£. 8. | £. 8<br>and less than<br>£. 12. | £. 12<br>and Upwards. |
|                           | <i>Stat. Acres.</i> |                                                |                                     | £.                                | £.                                       | £.                              | £.                    |
| Kingstown - -             | 905                 | } See annexed Return<br>from Registrar General |                                     | 59,235                            | 224                                      | 138                             | 1,493                 |
| Blackrock - -             | 1,078               |                                                |                                     | 39,241                            | 83                                       | 117                             | 823                   |
| Dalkey - - -              | 601                 |                                                |                                     | 10,487                            | 119                                      | 58                              | 217                   |
| TOTAL - - -               | 2,584               | - - -                                          | - - -                               | 108,963                           | 426                                      | 313                             | 2,533                 |

General Valuation Office, Dublin, }  
17 April 1868.

R. Griffith,  
Commissioner of Valuation.

No. 2.

RETURN showing the POPULATION according to the Census of 1861, and the Estimated POPULATION in 1867, for the Townships of *Kingstown*, *Blackrock*, and *Dalkey*, all in the County of Dublin.

| NAMES OF TOWNSHIPS.    | Population<br>according to the Census of<br>1861.* | Estimated Population in<br>1867. |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Kingstown - - - - - | 15,702                                             | 17,189                           |
| 2. Blackrock - - - - - | 7,439                                              | 8,143                            |
| 3. Dalkey - - - - -    | 3,208                                              | 3,512                            |
| TOTAL - - -            | 26,349                                             | 28,844                           |

\* In the case of divided Townlands the Population is Estimated.

General Register Office, Dublin, }  
29 April 1868.

William Donnelly,  
Registrar General.

AREA, POPULATION, &c. (IRELAND).

RETURN showing the Gross Area, the Population according to the Census of 1861, the Estimated Population of 1867, the Annual Value of Real Property, the Number of Occurrences Rated at £.4 and less than £.8, the Number Rated at £.8 and less than £.12, and the Number Rated at £.12 and upwards, for the Townships of *Kingsdown, Blackrock, and Dalkey*, all in the County of *Dublin*; &c.

(*Mr. Pim.*)

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# COUNTIES (IRELAND).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 24 March 1868 ;—for,

RETURN “of the Number of OCCUPIERS in IRISH COUNTIES Rated at £. 8 and  
under £. 10, and at £. 10 and under £. 12, in 1866.”

Poor Law Commission Office, Dublin, }  
30 April 1868.

B. BANKS,  
Chief Clerk.

RETURN of the Number of OCCUPIERS in IRISH COUNTIES Rated at £. 8 and  
under £. 10, and at £. 10 and under £. 12, in 1866 (exclusive of Parliamentary  
Boroughs).

| NAMES OF PROVINCES. | NAMES OF COUNTIES.     | Number of Occupiers Rated  |                              |
|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
|                     |                        | At £ 8<br>and under £. 10. | At £. 10<br>and under £. 12. |
| Ulster - - - -      | Antrim - - - -         | 2,896                      | 2,400                        |
|                     | Armagh - - - -         | 2,378                      | 1,857                        |
|                     | Cavan - - - -          | 2,368                      | 1,704                        |
|                     | Donegal - - - -        | 1,926                      | 1,268                        |
|                     | Down - - - -           | 3,499                      | 2,637                        |
|                     | Fermanagh - - - -      | 1,794                      | 1,335                        |
|                     | Londonderry - - - -    | 2,044                      | 1,521                        |
|                     | Monaghan - - - -       | 2,492                      | 1,880                        |
|                     | Tyrone - - - -         | 3,453                      | 2,458                        |
| Munster - - - -     | Clare - - - -          | 1,799                      | 1,240                        |
|                     | Cork - - - -           | 2,937                      | 2,367                        |
|                     | Kerry - - - -          | 1,473                      | 1,174                        |
|                     | Limerick - - - -       | 983                        | 797                          |
|                     | Tipperary - - - -      | 1,445                      | 1,097                        |
|                     | Waterford - - - -      | 436                        | 377                          |
| Leinster - - - -    | Carlow - - - -         | 250                        | 196                          |
|                     | Dublin - - - -         | 823                        | 664                          |
|                     | Kildare - - - -        | 462                        | 348                          |
|                     | Kilkenny - - - -       | 872                        | 745                          |
|                     | King's County - - - -  | 900                        | 666                          |
|                     | Longford - - - -       | 827                        | 534                          |
|                     | Louth - - - -          | 467                        | 320                          |
|                     | Meath - - - -          | 627                        | 495                          |
|                     | Queen's County - - - - | 751                        | 617                          |
|                     | Westmeath - - - -      | 757                        | 689                          |
|                     | Wexford - - - -        | 1,145                      | 995                          |
|                     | Wicklow - - - -        | 603                        | 441                          |
| Connaught - - - -   | Galway - - - -         | 2,180                      | 1,438                        |
|                     | Leitrim - - - -        | 1,496                      | 915                          |
|                     | Mayo - - - -           | 1,981                      | 1,079                        |
|                     | Roscommon - - - -      | 1,725                      | 1,177                        |
|                     | Sligo - - - -          | 1,508                      | 987                          |
| TOTAL - - - -       |                        | 49,297                     | 36,418                       |



COUNTIES (IRELAND).

RETURN of the Number of Occupiers in Irish  
COUNTIES Rated at £. 8 and under £. 10, and at  
£. 10 and under £. 12, in 1866.

(*Mr. Esmonde.*)

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# ELECTORAL STATISTICS (IRELAND).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 23 March 1868;—for,

RETURNS “as to PARLIAMENTARY BOROUGHs, CITIES, and TOWNS in *Ireland* of

| Total<br>Number<br>of<br>Electors<br>in 1867. | Total Number of Tenements Rated at more than £. 4, and under £. 8, specifying             |                                                                                                     |                                                 |                                                                              |                                                                     |                                                                | Estimated Maximum Increase<br>to Constituencies by giving<br>the Franchise to the Occupiers<br>of Houses, the Net Annual Value<br>of which exceeds £. 4. |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                               | Number of<br>Cases<br>in which<br>Two Tenements<br>are occupied<br>by the<br>same Person. | Number of<br>Cases in which<br>more than<br>Two Tenements<br>are occupied<br>by the<br>same Person. | Number<br>of Tenements<br>occupied<br>by Women. | Number of<br>Cases in which<br>the<br>Rating includes<br>Dwelling<br>Houses. | Total Number<br>of<br>Tenements<br>Rated at £. 8<br>and<br>upwards. | Total Number<br>of<br>Tenements<br>Rated at more<br>than £. 4. |                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                               |                                                                                           |                                                                                                     |                                                 |                                                                              |                                                                     |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                          |

“As to PARLIAMENTARY BOROUGHs, CITIES, and TOWNS in *Ireland* of

| Population<br>in 1861. | Valuation,<br>exclusive of<br>Property<br>exempt from<br>Assessment. | Gross<br>Area. | Total<br>Electors<br>in 1867. | Total<br>Electors<br>in 1852-3. | Total<br>Electors<br>in 1850. | Total<br>Electors<br>in 1832-3. | Rated<br>Occupiers<br>at £. 8 and<br>upwards. | Special Franchises in<br>some Boroughs. |                      | Special Franchises in Counties<br>of Cities, and of Towns,<br>and Two other Boroughs. |                                       |                    |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
|                        |                                                                      |                |                               |                                 |                               |                                 |                                               | Freemen<br>and<br>Burgesses.            | Other<br>Franchises. | Total.                                                                                | Freeholders<br>and Rent-<br>chargers. | Lease-<br>holders. |
|                        |                                                                      |                |                               |                                 |                               |                                 |                                               |                                         |                      |                                                                                       |                                       |                    |

“As to COUNTIES in *Ireland* of

| Popula-<br>tion<br>in 1861. | Valuation,<br>exclusive<br>of<br>Property<br>exempt from<br>Assessment. | Gross<br>Area. | Total<br>Electors<br>in 1866. | Total<br>Electors<br>in 1852-3. | Under<br>13 & 14<br>Vict. c. 69.<br>—Total<br>Electors in<br>1851. | Total<br>Electors<br>in 1850. | Total<br>Electors<br>in 1832-3. | £. 12<br>Rated<br>Occupiers. | Total<br>other than<br>Rated<br>Occupiers. | Other than Rated Occupiers. |                    |                    |                                        |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                             |                                                                         |                |                               |                                 |                                                                    |                               |                                 |                              |                                            | Free-<br>holders.           | Lease-<br>holders. | Rent-<br>chargers. | Owners<br>in Fee<br>and Fee<br>Simple. | Other<br>Qualifi-<br>cations. |
|                             |                                                                         |                |                               |                                 |                                                                    |                               |                                 |                              |                                            |                             |                    |                    |                                        |                               |

“And, of the POPULATION, VALUATION, AREA, and REGISTERED ELECTORS, in Tabular Form,—

|                                                                                                                                                                                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| In the Baronies of Ards Lower, Ards Upper, Castlereagh Lower, Dufferin, Lecale Lower, Lecale Upper                                                                                | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| „ Baronies of Castlereagh Upper, Iveagh Lower (Lower Half), Iveagh Lower (Upper Half), Iveagh Upper (Lower Half), Iveagh Upper (Upper Half), Kinelarty, Lordship of Newry, Mourne | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| } In the County of Down.                                                                                                                                                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| „ Baronies of Dungannon Lower, Dungannon Middle, Dungannon Upper                                                                                                                  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| „ Baronies of Clogher, Omagh East, Omagh West, Strabane Lower, Strabane Upper                                                                                                     | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| } In the County of Tyrone.                                                                                                                                                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| „ East Riding                                                                                                                                                                     | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| „ West Riding                                                                                                                                                                     | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| } In the County of Cork.                                                                                                                                                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| „ Baronies of Ikerrin, Lower Ormond, Ownney and Arra, Upper Ormond                                                                                                                | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| In Clanwilliam, Eliogarty, Iffa and Offa East, Iffa and Offa West, Kilmanagh Lower, Kilmanagh Upper, Middlethird, Slieveardagh                                                    | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| } In the County of Tipperary.                                                                                                                                                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

(Earl of Mayo.)

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RETURNS as to RATING, POPULATION, Number of ELECTORS, AREA, &c. of COUNTIES, CITIES, and TOWNS in *Ireland*, &c. &c.

RETURN as to RATING, &c. of PARLIAMENTARY BOROUGHES, CITIES, and TOWNS in *Ireland*.

| Names of Parliamentary<br>Boroughs,<br>Cities, and Towns. | Total<br>Number of<br>Electors<br>(1867). | Tenements Rated at more than £. 4 and under £. 8. |                                                                                              |                                                                                                           |                                                    |                                                                                    | Total<br>Number<br>of<br>Tenements<br>Rated at<br>£. 8 and<br>upwards. | Total<br>Number<br>of<br>Tenements<br>Rated at<br>more than<br>£. 4. | Estimated<br>Maximum<br>Increase to<br>Constituencies<br>by giving<br>the Franchise<br>to the<br>Occupiers of<br>Houses,<br>the Net Annual<br>Value of<br>which exceeds<br>£. 4. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                           |                                           | Total<br>Number of<br>Tenements<br>Rated.         | Number<br>of<br>Cases in<br>which Two<br>Tenements<br>are occupied<br>by the<br>same Person. | Number<br>of<br>Cases in<br>which more<br>than Two<br>Tenements<br>are occupied<br>by the<br>same Person. | Number<br>of<br>Tenements<br>occupied<br>by Women. | Number<br>of<br>Cases in<br>which the<br>Rating<br>includes<br>Dwelling<br>Houses. |                                                                        |                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Carrickfergus -                                           | 1,207                                     | 224                                               | 2                                                                                            | -                                                                                                         | 47                                                 | 191                                                                                | 656                                                                    | 880                                                                  | 145                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Cork - - -                                                | 3,221                                     | 1,985                                             | 104                                                                                          | 45                                                                                                        | 268                                                | 1,629                                                                              | 5,574                                                                  | 7,559                                                                | 905                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Drogheda - -                                              | 577                                       | 295                                               | 7                                                                                            | -                                                                                                         | 45                                                 | 178                                                                                | 895                                                                    | 1,190                                                                | 117                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Dublin - - -                                              | 12,161                                    | 3,469                                             | 4                                                                                            | -                                                                                                         | 148                                                | 3,136                                                                              | 17,659                                                                 | 21,128                                                               | 1,086                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Galway - - -                                              | 1,113                                     | 567                                               | 22                                                                                           | 3                                                                                                         | 70                                                 | 419                                                                                | 1,040                                                                  | 1,607                                                                | 290                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Kilkenny - -                                              | 559                                       | 326                                               | 15                                                                                           | 10                                                                                                        | 50                                                 | 290                                                                                | 1,012                                                                  | 1,388                                                                | 194                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Limerick - -                                              | 1,856                                     | 925                                               | 29                                                                                           | 14                                                                                                        | 111                                                | 790                                                                                | 2,880                                                                  | 3,805                                                                | 508                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Waterford - -                                             | 1,061                                     | 648                                               | 13                                                                                           | 8                                                                                                         | 122                                                | 622                                                                                | 1,561                                                                  | 2,209                                                                | 273                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Armagh - - -                                              | 413                                       | 269                                               | 3                                                                                            | -                                                                                                         | 36                                                 | 219                                                                                | 580                                                                    | 849                                                                  | 193                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Belfast - - -                                             | 3,868                                     | 5,032                                             | 33                                                                                           | 20                                                                                                        | 550                                                | 4,418                                                                              | 5,388                                                                  | 10,420                                                               | 3,376                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Carlow - - -                                              | 238                                       | 239                                               | 10                                                                                           | 5                                                                                                         | 50                                                 | 234                                                                                | 392                                                                    | 631                                                                  | 147                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Clonmel - - -                                             | 333                                       | 294                                               | 16                                                                                           | -                                                                                                         | 51                                                 | 267                                                                                | 606                                                                    | 900                                                                  | 147                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Dundalk - - -                                             | 297                                       | 220                                               | 2                                                                                            | -                                                                                                         | 33                                                 | 197                                                                                | 424                                                                    | 614                                                                  | 138                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Dungarvan - -                                             | 276                                       | 182                                               | 8                                                                                            | 3                                                                                                         | 41                                                 | 140                                                                                | 463                                                                    | 645                                                                  | 89                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Lisburn - - -                                             | 302                                       | 301                                               | 3                                                                                            | -                                                                                                         | 36                                                 | 202                                                                                | 410                                                                    | 711                                                                  | 200                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Londonderry -                                             | 868                                       | 681                                               | 23                                                                                           | 14                                                                                                        | 65                                                 | 633                                                                                | 1,448                                                                  | 2,129                                                                | 358                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Newry - - -                                               | 668                                       | 432                                               | 9                                                                                            | 6                                                                                                         | 51                                                 | 317                                                                                | 1,007                                                                  | 1,439                                                                | 237                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Sligo - - -                                               | 396                                       | 225                                               | 3                                                                                            | -                                                                                                         | 32                                                 | 208                                                                                | 642                                                                    | 867                                                                  | 135                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Tralee - - -                                              | 240                                       | 143                                               | 12                                                                                           | 6                                                                                                         | 19                                                 | 105                                                                                | 448                                                                    | 591                                                                  | 80                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Wexford - - -                                             | 322                                       | 335                                               | 17                                                                                           | 10                                                                                                        | 75                                                 | 288                                                                                | 513                                                                    | 848                                                                  | 154                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Athlone - - -                                             | 236                                       | 161                                               | -                                                                                            | -                                                                                                         | 18                                                 | 143                                                                                | 305                                                                    | 466                                                                  | 113                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Bandon - - -                                              | 254                                       | 130                                               | 10                                                                                           | 3                                                                                                         | 18                                                 | 102                                                                                | 355                                                                    | 485                                                                  | 87                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Cashel - - -                                              | 144                                       | 121                                               | -                                                                                            | -                                                                                                         | 27                                                 | 80                                                                                 | 209                                                                    | 330                                                                  | 85                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Coleraine - -                                             | 266                                       | 142                                               | 4                                                                                            | -                                                                                                         | 22                                                 | 102                                                                                | 420                                                                    | 562                                                                  | 81                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Downpatrick -                                             | 195                                       | 152                                               | 9                                                                                            | 4                                                                                                         | 23                                                 | 70                                                                                 | 365                                                                    | 517                                                                  | 75                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Dungannon - -                                             | 187                                       | 121                                               | -                                                                                            | -                                                                                                         | 7                                                  | 114                                                                                | 270                                                                    | 391                                                                  | 77                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Ennis - - -                                               | 181                                       | 117                                               | -                                                                                            | -                                                                                                         | 13                                                 | 110                                                                                | 232                                                                    | 349                                                                  | 90                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Enniskillen -                                             | 260                                       | 125                                               | 2                                                                                            | -                                                                                                         | 16                                                 | 123                                                                                | 381                                                                    | 506                                                                  | 79                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Kinsale - - -                                             | 140                                       | 99                                                | 18                                                                                           | 5                                                                                                         | 21                                                 | 75                                                                                 | 257                                                                    | 356                                                                  | 50                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Mallow - - -                                              | 172                                       | 74                                                | 8                                                                                            | -                                                                                                         | 13                                                 | 56                                                                                 | 254                                                                    | 328                                                                  | 43                                                                                                                                                                               |
| New Ross - -                                              | 191                                       | 134                                               | 5                                                                                            | 2                                                                                                         | 27                                                 | 122                                                                                | 312                                                                    | 446                                                                  | 82                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Portarlington -                                           | 97                                        | 114                                               | -                                                                                            | -                                                                                                         | 23                                                 | 74                                                                                 | 158                                                                    | 272                                                                  | 72                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Youghal - - -                                             | 248                                       | 112                                               | 16                                                                                           | 7                                                                                                         | 27                                                 | 86                                                                                 | 422                                                                    | 534                                                                  | 53                                                                                                                                                                               |
| TOTAL of BOROUGHS<br>in IRELAND                           | 32,547                                    | 18,444                                            | 407                                                                                          | 165                                                                                                       | 2,155                                              | 15,740                                                                             | 47,538                                                                 | 65,982                                                               | 9,759                                                                                                                                                                            |



| Names of Parliamentary<br>Boroughs,<br>Cities, and Towns. | Population<br>in<br>1861. | Valuation,<br>exclusive of<br>Property<br>exempt from<br>Assessment. | Gross Area.  | Total<br>Electors in<br>1867. | Total<br>Electors in<br>1852-3. | Total<br>Electors in<br>1850. | Total<br>Electors in<br>1832-3. | Rated<br>Occupiers<br>at £. 8<br>upwards. | Special Franchises<br>in<br>some Boroughs. |                      | Special Franchises in<br>Counties of Cities and of Towns,<br>and Two other Boroughs. |                                     |               |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|--|
|                                                           |                           |                                                                      |              |                               |                                 |                               |                                 |                                           | Freemen<br>and<br>Burgesses.               | Other<br>Franchises. | Total.                                                                               | Freeholders<br>and<br>Rentchargers. | Leaseholders. |  |
|                                                           |                           | £.                                                                   | Stat. Acres. |                               |                                 |                               |                                 |                                           |                                            |                      |                                                                                      |                                     |               |  |
| Carrikerbegus                                             | 9,417                     | 23,137                                                               | 16,702       | 1,207                         | 1,195                           | 787                           | 1,024                           | 403                                       | 758                                        | -                    | 46                                                                                   | 33                                  | 13            |  |
| Cork                                                      | 102,526                   | 196,340                                                              | 47,995       | 3,221                         | 3,152                           | 3,244                         | 4,322                           | 2,518                                     | 254                                        | -                    | 449                                                                                  | 247                                 | 202           |  |
| Diagheda                                                  | 17,436                    | 27,360                                                               | 5,676        | 577                           | 586                             | 579                           | 560                             | 359                                       | 111                                        | -                    | 107                                                                                  | 62                                  | 45            |  |
| Dublin                                                    | 263,751                   | 624,095                                                              | 4,943        | 12,161                        | 10,172                          | 17,643                        | 7,008                           | 7,486                                     | 2,662                                      | -                    | 2,013                                                                                | 811                                 | 1,202         |  |
| Galway                                                    | 25,161                    | 32,765                                                               | 4,943        | 1,113                         | 1,286                           | 1,147                         | 2,062                           | 558                                       | 427                                        | 2                    | 126                                                                                  | 99                                  | 27            |  |
| Kilkenny                                                  | 17,713                    | 33,032                                                               | 17,012       | 559                           | 575                             | 217                           | 562                             | 619                                       | 3                                          | 1                    | 36                                                                                   | 31                                  | 5             |  |
| Limerick                                                  | 56,802                    | 100,364                                                              | 33,862       | 1,856                         | 1,920                           | 917                           | 2,868                           | 1,523                                     | 88                                         | -                    | 245                                                                                  | 213                                 | 32            |  |
| Waterford                                                 | 28,790                    | 51,368                                                               | 10,059       | 1,061                         | 1,124                           | 1,212                         | 1,241                           | 650                                       | 350                                        | 1                    | 60                                                                                   | 38                                  | 22            |  |
| Armagh                                                    | 9,320                     | 16,276                                                               | 269          | 413                           | 370                             | 680                           | 444                             | 410                                       | 3                                          | -                    | -                                                                                    | -                                   | -             |  |
| Belfast                                                   | 78,344                    | 231,869                                                              | 1,301        | 3,868                         | 3,283                           | 4,434                         | 1,659                           | 3,868                                     | 3                                          | -                    | -                                                                                    | -                                   | -             |  |
| Carlow                                                    | 8,973                     | 10,784                                                               | 572          | 238                           | 208                             | 449                           | 278                             | 233                                       | 5                                          | -                    | -                                                                                    | -                                   | -             |  |
| Clonmel                                                   | 11,143                    | 16,600                                                               | 331          | 333                           | 328                             | 271                           | 521                             | 302                                       | 31                                         | -                    | -                                                                                    | -                                   | -             |  |
| Dundalk                                                   | 10,428                    | 16,140                                                               | 450          | 297                           | 294                             | 400                           | 318                             | 297                                       | -                                          | -                    | -                                                                                    | -                                   | -             |  |
| Dungarvan                                                 | 8,645                     | 15,490                                                               | 8,499        | 276                           | 303                             | 407                           | 677                             | 241                                       | -                                          | -                    | 35                                                                                   | 34                                  | 1             |  |
| Lisburn                                                   | 8,585                     | 15,770                                                               | 1,364        | 302                           | 217                             | 163                           | 91                              | 302                                       | -                                          | -                    | -                                                                                    | -                                   | -             |  |
| Londonderry                                               | 20,875                    | 57,656                                                               | 497          | 868                           | 823                             | 2,032                         | 611                             | 776                                       | 92                                         | -                    | -                                                                                    | -                                   | -             |  |
| Newry                                                     | 13,108                    | 28,546                                                               | 2,543        | 668                           | 467                             | 677                           | 1,017                           | 665                                       | -                                          | 3                    | -                                                                                    | -                                   | -             |  |
| Sligo                                                     | 12,565                    | 17,895                                                               | 3,195        | 396                           | 351                             | 603                           | 418                             | 394                                       | 2                                          | -                    | -                                                                                    | -                                   | -             |  |
| Trillick                                                  | 10,355                    | 11,634                                                               | 544          | 240                           | 315                             | 302                           | 180                             | 239                                       | 1                                          | -                    | -                                                                                    | -                                   | -             |  |
| Wexford                                                   | 11,673                    | 15,000                                                               | 464          | 322                           | 317                             | 273                           | 269                             | 238                                       | 84                                         | -                    | -                                                                                    | -                                   | -             |  |
| Athlone                                                   | 6,227                     | 7,694                                                                | 440          | 236                           | 170                             | 330                           | 243                             | 233                                       | 3                                          | -                    | -                                                                                    | -                                   | -             |  |
| Bandon                                                    | 6,419                     | 8,884                                                                | 445          | 254                           | 205                             | 230                           | 266                             | 251                                       | 3                                          | -                    | -                                                                                    | -                                   | -             |  |
| Cashel                                                    | 5,458                     | 5,564                                                                | 4,018        | 144                           | 126                             | 141                           | 277                             | 143                                       | -                                          | -                    | 1                                                                                    | 1                                   | -             |  |
| Coleraine                                                 | 6,236                     | 12,012                                                               | 963          | 266                           | 246                             | 994                           | 207                             | 256                                       | 10                                         | -                    | -                                                                                    | -                                   | -             |  |
| Downpatrick                                               | 4,317                     | 9,727                                                                | 1,487        | 195                           | 222                             | 197                           | 517                             | 195                                       | -                                          | -                    | -                                                                                    | -                                   | -             |  |
| Dungannon                                                 | 3,994                     | 6,968                                                                | 230          | 187                           | 191                             | 271                           | 154                             | 182                                       | 5                                          | -                    | -                                                                                    | -                                   | -             |  |
| Ennis                                                     | 7,175                     | 6,587                                                                | 481          | 181                           | 149                             | 118                           | 237                             | 181                                       | 1                                          | -                    | -                                                                                    | -                                   | -             |  |
| Enniskillen                                               | 5,820                     | 9,605                                                                | 210          | 260                           | 144                             | 269                           | 212                             | 259                                       | 1                                          | -                    | -                                                                                    | -                                   | -             |  |
| Kinsale                                                   | 4,850                     | 5,344                                                                | 285          | 140                           | 156                             | 281                           | 206                             | 135                                       | 5                                          | -                    | -                                                                                    | -                                   | -             |  |
| Malin                                                     | 4,841                     | 6,352                                                                | 377          | 172                           | 243                             | 213                           | 458                             | 145                                       | -                                          | -                    | -                                                                                    | -                                   | -             |  |
| New Ross                                                  | 7,132                     | 8,047                                                                | 472          | 191                           | 193                             | 187                           | 130                             | 190                                       | 1                                          | -                    | 27                                                                                   | 27                                  | -             |  |
| Portlinton                                                | 2,874                     | 4,328                                                                | 915          | 97                            | 86                              | 158                           | 137                             | 97                                        | -                                          | -                    | -                                                                                    | -                                   | -             |  |
| Youghal                                                   | 6,514                     | 9,537                                                                | 345          | 248                           | 217                             | 408                           | 297                             | 212                                       | 36                                         | -                    | -                                                                                    | -                                   | -             |  |
| TOTAL of Boroughs<br>in Ireland                           | 767,467                   | 1,642,750                                                            | 191,078      | 32,547                        | 29,634                          | 40,234                        | 29,471                          | 24,460                                    | 4,935                                      | 7                    | 3,145                                                                                | 1,596                               | 1,549         |  |

## RETURN as to RATING, POPULATION, NUMBER OF ELECTORS, AREA, &amp;c. OF COUNTIES IN IRELAND.

| NAMES<br>OF<br>COUNTIES. | Population<br>in<br>1861. | Valuation,<br>exclusive of<br>Property<br>exempt from<br>Assessment. | Gross Area.<br><br>Stat. Acres. | Total<br>Electors<br>in<br>1867. | Total<br>Electors<br>in<br>1852-53. | Under<br>13 & 14 Vict.<br>c. 69. |                   | Total<br>Electors<br>in<br>1850. | Total<br>Electors<br>in<br>1832-33. | £. 12<br>Rated<br>Occupiers. | Total<br>other than<br>Rated<br>Occupiers. | Other than Rated Occupiers. |                    |                                        |                               |    |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----|
|                          |                           |                                                                      |                                 |                                  |                                     | Total<br>Electors<br>in<br>1851. | Free-<br>holders. |                                  |                                     |                              |                                            | Lease-<br>holders.          | Rent-<br>chargers. | Owners<br>in Fee and<br>Fee<br>Simple. | Other<br>Qualifica-<br>tions. |    |
| Antrim                   | 283,063                   | 699,319                                                              | 743,338                         | 11,447                           | 8,206                               | 8,207                            | 963               | 3,487                            | 2,487                               | 11,152                       | 295                                        | 269                         | 9                  | 17                                     | -                             | -  |
| Armagh                   | 176,176                   | 374,763                                                              | 326,546                         | 6,936                            | 5,154                               | 4,341                            | 918               | 3,342                            | 3,342                               | 6,727                        | 209                                        | 144                         | 21                 | 22                                     | 22                            | -  |
| Carlow                   | 49,716                    | 153,842                                                              | 220,770                         | 2,408                            | 2,039                               | 2,090                            | 831               | 1,246                            | 1,246                               | 1,981                        | 427                                        | 326                         | 13                 | 88                                     | -                             | -  |
| Cavan                    | 153,906                   | 268,806                                                              | 477,360                         | 6,557                            | 4,909                               | 3,850                            | 684               | 2,548                            | 2,548                               | 6,179                        | 378                                        | 256                         | 44                 | 33                                     | 24                            | 21 |
| Clare                    | 156,804                   | 307,410                                                              | 827,513                         | 5,532                            | 3,144                               | 2,581                            | 1,012             | 2,518                            | 2,518                               | 5,240                        | 292                                        | 256                         | 4                  | 28                                     | 4                             | -  |
| Cork                     | 419,668                   | 948,507                                                              | 1,800,238                       | 15,995                           | 13,473                              | 13,192                           | 1,812             | 3,835                            | 3,835                               | 15,021                       | 974                                        | 843                         | 75                 | 56                                     | -                             | -  |
| Donegal                  | 237,395                   | 292,478                                                              | 1,193,442                       | 4,610                            | 4,054                               | 3,748                            | 701               | 1,448                            | 1,448                               | 4,332                        | 278                                        | 213                         | 9                  | 8                                      | 48                            | -  |
| Down                     | 285,646                   | 689,079                                                              | 608,950                         | 11,339                           | 10,690                              | 10,028                           | 1,112             | 3,130                            | 3,130                               | 11,035                       | 304                                        | 264                         | 26                 | 14                                     | -                             | -  |
| Dublin                   | 146,501                   | 580,280                                                              | 221,574                         | 4,484                            | 6,657                               | 4,864                            | 2,207             | 2,025                            | 2,025                               | 2,819                        | 936                                        | 639                         | 87                 | 87                                     | 3                             | -  |
| Fermanagh                | 99,948                    | 223,373                                                              | 457,160                         | 5,156                            | 4,365                               | 3,497                            | 852               | 1,429                            | 1,429                               | 4,906                        | 250                                        | 205                         | 7                  | 30                                     | 8                             | -  |
| Galway                   | 246,317                   | 438,727                                                              | 1,542,220                       | 5,467                            | 3,844                               | 3,401                            | 851               | 3,057                            | 3,057                               | 5,287                        | 180                                        | 123                         | 3                  | 20                                     | 34                            | -  |
| Kerry                    | 191,445                   | 266,992                                                              | 1,185,373                       | 5,436                            | 4,960                               | 5,222                            | 896               | 1,161                            | 1,161                               | 5,373                        | 63                                         | 58                          | 3                  | 2                                      | -                             | -  |
| Kildare                  | 90,946                    | 336,220                                                              | 418,436                         | 2,960                            | 2,993                               | 2,774                            | 896               | 1,122                            | 1,122                               | 2,536                        | 424                                        | 329                         | 29                 | 39                                     | 26                            | 1  |
| Kilkenny                 | 106,570                   | 325,450                                                              | 492,660                         | 5,180                            | 5,113                               | 5,036                            | 445               | 1,246                            | 1,246                               | 5,013                        | 117                                        | 106                         | 4                  | 7                                      | -                             | -  |
| King's County            | 89,072                    | 240,169                                                              | 493,085                         | 3,405                            | 2,764                               | 2,397                            | 497               | 1,310                            | 1,310                               | 3,164                        | 241                                        | 195                         | 9                  | 19                                     | 18                            | -  |
| Leitrim                  | 104,744                   | 135,233                                                              | 392,363                         | 2,711                            | 2,753                               | 1,265                            | 554               | 1,318                            | 1,318                               | 2,409                        | 302                                        | 181                         | 11                 | 33                                     | 75                            | 2  |
| Limerick                 | 162,801                   | 421,515                                                              | 646,980                         | 6,533                            | 6,249                               | 5,079                            | 864               | 2,565                            | 2,565                               | 6,154                        | 379                                        | 349                         | 6                  | 24                                     | -                             | -  |
| Londonderry              | 157,098                   | 291,998                                                              | 520,854                         | 5,580                            | 4,670                               | 4,305                            | 5,055             | 2,172                            | 2,172                               | 5,162                        | 418                                        | 367                         | 18                 | 20                                     | 5                             | 8  |
| Longford                 | 71,694                    | 151,783                                                              | 269,409                         | 2,821                            | 2,448                               | 2,321                            | 716               | 1,294                            | 1,294                               | 2,673                        | 148                                        | 127                         | 6                  | 14                                     | 1                             | -  |
| Louth                    | 63,727                    | 184,967                                                              | 199,861                         | 2,455                            | 2,117                               | 2,078                            | 642               | 863                              | 863                                 | 1,987                        | 468                                        | 378                         | 45                 | 45                                     | -                             | -  |
| Mayo                     | 254,796                   | 310,737                                                              | 1,367,618                       | 3,746                            | 1,738                               | 1,395                            | 1,014             | 1,350                            | 1,350                               | 3,120                        | 626                                        | 357                         | 178                | 55                                     | 36                            | -  |
| Meath                    | 109,495                   | 541,145                                                              | 575,819                         | 3,986                            | 4,307                               | 4,218                            | 1,176             | 1,520                            | 1,520                               | 3,816                        | 170                                        | 137                         | 11                 | 17                                     | 4                             | 1  |
| Monaghan                 | 126,482                   | 261,425                                                              | 319,741                         | 5,500                            | 4,924                               | 4,119                            | 1,215             | 2,139                            | 2,139                               | 5,303                        | 197                                        | 148                         | 5                  | 35                                     | 9                             | -  |
| Queen's County           | 87,195                    | 254,520                                                              | 423,939                         | 3,729                            | 2,993                               | 2,727                            | 328               | 1,471                            | 1,471                               | 3,091                        | 638                                        | 442                         | 16                 | 138                                    | 42                            | -  |
| Roscommon                | 154,318                   | 290,176                                                              | 603,735                         | 3,779                            | 2,490                               | 2,236                            | 516               | 1,776                            | 1,776                               | 3,599                        | 180                                        | 117                         | 3                  | 19                                     | 35                            | 6  |
| Sligo                    | 112,280                   | 190,855                                                              | 458,557                         | 3,250                            | 2,546                               | 2,105                            | 380               | 695                              | 695                                 | 3,001                        | 249                                        | 228                         | -                  | 20                                     | 1                             | -  |
| Tipperary                | 232,507                   | 651,115                                                              | 1,057,382                       | 9,263                            | 7,262                               | 6,760                            | 870               | 2,369                            | 2,369                               | 9,013                        | 250                                        | 213                         | 7                  | 8                                      | 21                            | 1  |
| Tyrone                   | 234,506                   | 415,256                                                              | 806,427                         | 8,742                            | 7,423                               | 5,692                            | 1,305             | 1,151                            | 1,151                               | 8,328                        | 414                                        | 351                         | 34                 | 24                                     | 5                             | -  |
| Waterford                | 96,817                    | 251,041                                                              | 442,994                         | 3,454                            | 3,245                               | 3,248                            | 321               | 1,448                            | 1,448                               | 3,321                        | 133                                        | 90                          | 6                  | 25                                     | 5                             | 7  |
| Westmeath                | 87,606                    | 310,631                                                              | 453,248                         | 3,752                            | 3,484                               | 3,132                            | 516               | 1,395                            | 1,395                               | 3,623                        | 129                                        | 103                         | 1                  | 25                                     | -                             | -  |
| Wexford                  | 125,381                   | 350,093                                                              | 575,712                         | 6,393                            | 5,582                               | 5,917                            | 813               | 2,907                            | 2,907                               | 6,080                        | 313                                        | 264                         | 11                 | 35                                     | 3                             | -  |
| Wicklow                  | 86,479                    | 265,001                                                              | 500,178                         | 3,537                            | 3,258                               | 3,330                            | 1,077             | 1,566                            | 1,566                               | 3,107                        | 430                                        | 322                         | 54                 | 44                                     | 10                            | -  |
| TOTAL                    | 5,001,099                 | 11,422,196                                                           | 20,624,382                      | 176,093                          | 149,354                             | 135,245                          | 31,832            | 60,603                           | 60,603                              | 164,552                      | 11,541                                     | 8,697                       | 1,307              | 1,051                                  | 439                           | 47 |

Note.—The number of Electors in Counties, Cities, and Boroughs have been obtained from Returns furnished by the Clerks of the Peace of the respective Counties and Cities, &c.

RETURN as to POPULATION, VALUATION, AREA, and REGISTERED ELECTORS in the following BARONIES, &c. in Ireland.

|                                                                                                                                                                                  | Names of Counties. | Population. | Valuation. | Area: Acres. | Registered Electors. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Baronies of Ards Lower, Ards Upper, Castlereagh Lower, Dufferin, Lecale Lower, Lecale Upper                                                                                      | Down               | 97,659      | £. 286,717 | 198,413      | 3,961                |
| Baronies of Castlereagh Upper, Iveagh Lower (lower half), Iveagh Lower (upper half), Iveagh Upper (lower half), Iveagh Upper (upper half), Kinkclarty, Lordship of Newry, Mourne | Tyrone             | 192,304     | 412,089    | 409,402      | 7,378                |
| Baronies of Dungannon Lower, Dungannon Middle, Dungannon Upper                                                                                                                   | Cork               | 96,827      | 174,542    | 216,561      | 3,456                |
| Baronies of Clogher, Omagh East, Omagh West, Strabane Lower, Strabane Upper                                                                                                      | Tipperary          | 141,673     | 247,682    | 562,382      | 5,286                |
| East Riding                                                                                                                                                                      |                    | 252,636     | 665,602    | 982,941      | 9,609                |
| West Riding                                                                                                                                                                      |                    | 178,301     | 297,133    | 807,263      | 6,386                |
| Baronies of Ikerrin, Lower Ormond, Owney and Arra, Upper Ormond                                                                                                                  |                    | 71,690      | 188,531    | 361,994      | 2,760                |
| Clanwilliam, Eliogarty, Iffa and Offa East, Iffa and Offa West, Kilmanagh Lower, Kilmanagh Upper, Middlebird, Slieveardagh                                                       |                    | 166,275     | 468,148    | 686,643      | 6,503                |

In Downpatrick 118  
 In Dungannon 116  
 In Bandon 147  
 In Kinsale 71  
 In Cashel 94  
 In Portlannington 70

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General Valuation Office, }  
 Dublin, 21 April 1868. }

Richard Griffith,  
 Commissioner of Valuation.



ELECTORAL STATISTICS (IRELAND).

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RETURNS as to RATING, POPULATION, Number  
of ELECTORS, AREA, &c. of COUNTIES, CITIES,  
and TOWNS in *Ireland*.

(*Earl of Mayo.*)

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# FREEMAN FRANCHISE (IRELAND).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 3 April 1868;—for,

“in Tabular Form, of the different CITIES and BOROUGHs in *Ireland*, in  
which the FREEMAN FRANCHISE at present exists:”

and, of the Number of FREEMEN on the FREEMAN’S ROLL in each of said BOROUGHs  
on the 1st day of January 1868.”

| NAME OF BOROUGH.                     | Number of<br>Freemen. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| agh Borough - - - -                  | 3*                    | * Free Burgesses; reserved under the Reform<br>Bill of 1832 for life.                                                                                                                                                  |
| ne Borough - - - -                   | 3                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| on Borough - - - -                   | 4                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| le Borough - - - -                   | 4                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| al Borough - - - -                   | 33                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| t Borough - - - -                    | - none.               | Under the Reform Act of 1832, the right of<br>voting was reserved, and given to the<br>Sovereign and Burgesses of said borough,<br>the number of whom, who were living on<br>the 1st January 1868, was four burgesses. |
| v Borough - - - -                    | - none -              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| kfergus Borough - - - -              | 742                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Borough - - - -                      | - none.               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| el Borough - - - -                   | 31                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| ine Borough - - - -                  | 10                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| City - - - -                         | 254                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| patrick and Newry Boroughs - - - -   | - none.               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| eda Borough - - - -                  | 114                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| n Borough - - - -                    | 2,662                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| alk Borough - - - -                  | - -                   | The Freeman franchise does not at present<br>exist in the borough of Dundalk.                                                                                                                                          |
| annon Borough - - - -                | 5                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| arvan Borough - - - -                | - -                   | The Freeman franchise does not exist in this<br>borough. There are not any persons on the<br>Freeman’s Roll in this borough for the 1st<br>January 1868.                                                               |
| Borough - - - -                      | - none.               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| killen Borough - - - -               | - -                   | There does not exist any Freeman franchise<br>in the borough of Enniskillen, but there is<br>at present one Burgess on the List of Voters.                                                                             |
| y Borough - - - -                    | 427                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| any Borough - - - -                  | 7                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| ick, County of the City and<br>ough. | 88                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| n Borough - - - -                    | - none.               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| nderry City - - - -                  | 87                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| lington Borough - - - -              | - none.               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Borough - - - -                      | 2                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Borough - - - -                      | 1                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| ord, County of the City - - - -      | 350                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| rd Borough - - - -                   | 84                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| oss Borough - - - -                  | 1                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

FREEMAN FRANCHISE (IRELAND).

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RETURNS of the different CITIES and BOROUGHs in *Ireland* in which the FREEMAN FRANCHISE at present exists; and, of the Number of FREEMEN on the FREEMAN'S ROLL in each of said BOROUGHs on the 1st January 1868.

(*Sir Colman O'Loghlin.*)

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28 May 1868.*

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UNIVERSITIES (IRELAND).

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RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 11 May 1868;—for,

RETURNS “of the Number of PERSONS Qualified to form a PARLIAM-  
MENTARY CONSTITUENCY in the QUEEN’S UNIVERSITY in *Ireland* on  
the supposition that the Franchise is founded on the Degree of M.A. and  
the higher Degrees :”

“Of the Number of PERSONS Qualified to form a PARLIAMENTARY  
CONSTITUENCY in the QUEEN’S UNIVERSITY in *Ireland*, on the  
supposition that the Franchise is founded on the Degree of B.A. and the  
higher Degrees :”

“And, similar RETURNS for the UNIVERSITY of DUBLIN.”

(*Mr. Lefroy.*)

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RETURNS of the Number of PERSONS Qualified to form a PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY in the QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY in *Ireland*, on the supposition that the Franchise is founded on the Degree of M.A. and the higher Degrees:—Of the Number of PERSONS Qualified to form a PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY in the QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY in *Ireland*, on the supposition that the Franchise is founded on the Degree of B.A. and the higher Degrees:—And, similar RETURNS for the UNIVERSITY of DUBLIN.

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— No. 1. —

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.

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RETURN from the SECRETARY to the QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY in IRELAND.

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UPON the supposition that the franchise will be limited to persons who hold the higher degrees of the Queen's University, viz., the degrees of M.A., LL.B., and LL.D., the constituency would at present contain 153 persons.

Upon the supposition that the franchise is to be founded on all degrees, including the degrees of B.A. and M.D., and diplomas in engineering, the Parliamentary constituency would at present contain 904 persons.

This number is annually becoming larger, and at an increasing rate.

The persons who hold *ad eundem* degrees are not included in this return.

By a higher degree I understand a degree which cannot be obtained by a person who has not already taken a lower degree. In the Queen's University the degree of LL.D. is a higher degree, being conferred only on Bachelors in Laws; and the degrees of M.A., and LL.B. are higher degrees, being conferred only on Bachelors in Arts; but the degree of M.D. is in this University a lower degree, since candidates who have not previously graduated may obtain it.

The number of persons holding higher degrees is small, because such degrees are conferred in the Queen's University only after a searching examination, and are not, like the higher degrees of the older universities, conferred on the holders of lower degrees as a matter of course, when they attain a certain standing and pay the prescribed fees.

The foregoing returns are correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Queen's University, Dublin Castle,  
16 May 1868.

G. Johnstone Stoney, M.A., F.R.S.,  
Secretary to the University.

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— No. 2. —

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

RETURN from the REGISTRAR of the UNIVERSITY of DUBLIN.

I.—RETURN of the Number of Persons qualified to form a Parliamentary Constituency in the University of Dublin, on the supposition that the Franchise is founded on the Degree of M.A. and the higher Degrees.

The Number of Electors now on the Parliamentary Roll of the University of Dublin is - - - - - 1,870

The Number of Masters of Arts and Graduates holding higher Degrees, who are now unregistered, is estimated at - - - 1,496

Total Number of Persons qualified to form a Parliamentary Constituency, if the Franchise be founded on the Degree of M.A. and the higher Degrees - - - - - } 3,366

*N.B.*—The above number includes 174 scholars and ex-scholars of Trinity College, who possess the Franchise in virtue of the original Charter granted to the University by King James I., although they have not taken the Degree of M.A. or any higher Degree.

II.—RETURN of the Number of Persons qualified to form a Parliamentary Constituency in the University of Dublin, on the supposition that the Franchise is founded on the Degree of B.A. and the higher Degrees.

The Number of Persons who have taken the Degree of B.A. in the University of Dublin, and who are now living, is estimated at - - - - - 7,715

The calculation on which this result is based, has been made by W. J. Hancock, Esq., Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, from figures furnished to him by the Senior Proctor of the University. Mr. Hancock states that he has made his calculation on the supposition that each graduate had taken his B.A. Degree between his 21st and 22nd birthdays; the number of survivors being calculated, year by year, according to the latest English Government tables published.

By Order of the Board of Trinity College,

Trinity College, Dublin,  
27 May 1868.

John Toleken,  
Registrar.



UNIVERSITIES (IRELAND).

RETURNS of the Number of Persons Qualified to form a PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY in the QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY in *Ireland* on the supposition that the Franchise is founded on the Degree of M.A. and the higher Degrees; of the Number of Persons Qualified to form a PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY in the QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY in *Ireland*, on the supposition that the Franchise is founded on the Degree of B.A. and the higher Degrees; and, similar RETURNS for the UNIVERSITY of DUBLIN.

(*Mr. Leffroy.*)

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## PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORS (EDINBURGH).

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RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 5 December 1867:—for,

“ RETURNS of the Number of the REGISTERED PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORS of £.10 and upwards in each of the Thirteen Polling Districts or Wards into which the City was divided, by virtue of the powers conferred on one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, by ‘ THE EDINBURGH MUNICIPALITY EXTENSION ACT, 1856,’ according to the Register made up for that Year, and also according to the Register made up in 1867, showing the Increase or Decrease in each Ward, as the case may be, at the Date last mentioned :”

“ Of the Number of MALE OCCUPIERS of DWELLING HOUSES under £.10 of Yearly Rent in each Polling District or Ward in 1856 and 1867, distinguishing those who, on or before the 20th day of July 1867, had not paid such Poor Rates as were laid on and due before the 5th day of January of the same Year :”

“ And, of the Number of ELECTORS in each Polling District or Ward in 1867, added to the Number of Male Householdors under £.10 of Yearly Rent, who paid Poor's Rates as before mentioned, so as to give the Aggregate Total Number of both Classes in each Polling District or Ward, and all the Columns to be added up.”

(*Mr. McLaren.*)

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RETURN showing the Number of the REGISTERED PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORS of £.10 and upwards, in each of the Thirteen Polling Districts or Wards into which the City was divided, by virtue of the Powers conferred on one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, by "THE EDINBURGH MUNICIPALITY EXTENSION ACT, 1856," according to the Register made up for that Year, and also according to the Register made up in 1867, showing the Increase or Decrease in each Ward, as the case may be, at the Date last mentioned.

|                    | Number on Register. |               | Increase. | Decrease. |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|
|                    | Year 1856-57.       | Year 1867-68. |           |           |
| 1st Ward - - - - - | 650                 | 718           | 68        | —         |
| 2nd " - - - - -    | 481                 | 547           | 66        | —         |
| 3rd " - - - - -    | 640                 | 908           | 268       | —         |
| 4th " - - - - -    | 618                 | 646           | 28        | —         |
| 5th " - - - - -    | 698                 | 737           | 39        | —         |
| 6th " - - - - -    | 720                 | 739           | 19        | —         |
| 7th " - - - - -    | 719                 | 696           | -         | 23        |
| 8th " - - - - -    | 682                 | 905           | 223       | —         |
| 9th " - - - - -    | 681                 | 745           | 64        | —         |
| 10th " - - - - -   | 541                 | 1,220         | 679       | —         |
| 11th " - - - - -   | 585                 | 835           | 250       | —         |
| 12th " - - - - -   | 707                 | 1,080         | 373       | —         |
| 13th " - - - - -   | 575                 | 1,151         | 576       | —         |
| TOTALS - - - - -   | 8,297               | 10,927        | 2,653     | 23        |

RETURN showing the Number of ELECTORS in each Polling District or Ward in 1867, added to the Number of Male Householdors under £.10 of Yearly Rent, who on or before the 20th day of July 1867, had paid such Poor Rates as were laid on and due before the 5th day of January of the same Year.

|                    | Number of Electors. | Number who paid Poor Rates. | Total of both. |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 1st Ward - - - - - | 718                 | 767                         | 1,485          |
| 2nd " - - - - -    | 547                 | 293                         | 840            |
| 3rd " - - - - -    | 908                 | 1,251                       | 2,159          |
| 4th " - - - - -    | 646                 | 214                         | 860            |
| 5th " - - - - -    | 737                 | 297                         | 1,034          |
| 6th " - - - - -    | 739                 | 169                         | 908            |
| 7th " - - - - -    | 696                 | 178                         | 874            |
| 8th " - - - - -    | 905                 | 4,136                       | 5,041          |
| 9th " - - - - -    | 745                 | 1,709                       | 2,454          |
| 10th " - - - - -   | 1,220               | 2,031                       | 3,251          |
| 11th " - - - - -   | 835                 | 979                         | 1,814          |
| 12th " - - - - -   | 1,080               | 2,279                       | 3,359          |
| 13th " - - - - -   | 1,151               | 656                         | 1,807          |
| TOTALS - - - - -   | 10,927              | 14,959                      | 25,886         |



RETURN showing the Number of MALE OCCUPIERS of DWELLING HOUSES under £.10 of Yearly Rent in each Polling District or Ward, in 1856 and 1867, distinguishing those who, on or before the 20th day of July 1867, had not paid such Poor Rates as were laid on and due before the 5th day of January of the same Year.

|                | Male Occupants under £.10. |               | Increase. | Decrease. | Number of Male Occupants who were charged and had not paid the Poor Rates before 20th July 1867, due before 5th January of the same Year. |
|----------------|----------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                | Year 1856-57.              | Year 1867-68. |           |           |                                                                                                                                           |
| 1st Ward - - - | 832                        | 825           | - -       | 7         | 58                                                                                                                                        |
| 2nd " - - -    | 226                        | 300           | 74        | - -       | 7                                                                                                                                         |
| 3rd " - - -    | 1,087                      | 1,265         | 178       | - -       | 14                                                                                                                                        |
| 4th " - - -    | 182                        | 216           | 34        | - -       | 2                                                                                                                                         |
| 5th " - - -    | 387                        | 323           | - -       | 64        | 26                                                                                                                                        |
| 6th " - - -    | 233                        | 205           | - -       | 28        | 36                                                                                                                                        |
| 7th " - - -    | 149                        | 189           | 40        | - -       | 11                                                                                                                                        |
| 8th " - - -    | 3,886                      | 4,699         | 813       | - -       | 563                                                                                                                                       |
| 9th " - - -    | 2,001                      | 1,956         | - -       | 45        | 247                                                                                                                                       |
| 10th " - - -   | 1,761                      | 2,056         | 295       | - -       | 25                                                                                                                                        |
| 11th " - - -   | 972                        | 991           | 19        | - -       | 12                                                                                                                                        |
| 12th " - - -   | 2,116                      | 2,327         | 211       | - -       | 48                                                                                                                                        |
| 13th " - - -   | 430                        | 661           | 231       | - -       | 5                                                                                                                                         |
| TOTALS - - -   | 14,262                     | 16,013        | 1,895     | 144       | 1,054                                                                                                                                     |

SUPPLEMENTARY RETURN, showing the Number of MALE OCCUPIERS of DWELLING HOUSES in each Polling District or Ward in 1867 who were not charged Poor Rates, in consequence of the Rent payable by them being under £.4 per Annum.

|                | Number, as above. |                | Number, as above. |
|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1st Ward - - - | 145               | 8th Ward - - - | 1,591             |
| 2nd " - - -    | 33                | 9th " - - -    | 848               |
| 3rd " - - -    | 231               | 10th " - - -   | 459               |
| 4th " - - -    | 46                | 11th " - - -   | 180               |
| 5th " - - -    | 43                | 12th " - - -   | 530               |
| 6th " - - -    | 21                | 13th " - - -   | 208               |
| 7th " - - -    | 12                | TOTAL - - -    | 4,347             |

Prepared by

Lands Valuation Office, Edinburgh,  
26 December 1867.

R. Paterson,  
Assessor of the Burgh.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORS (EDINBURGH).

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R E T U R N S

RELATING TO

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORS

FOR THE

CITY OF EDINBURGH.

(*Mr. McLaren.*)

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ELECTORAL STATISTICS (SCOTLAND).

AMENDED RETURN relative to ELECTORAL STATISTICS (SCOTLAND), Parliamentary Paper, No. 336, of Session 1867), in which there is added to the Counties of *Clackmannan* and *Kinross* the Population, &c. of the Parishes of *Tulliallan*, *Culross*, and *Muckhart*, in the County of *Perth*, and of the Parish of *Alva*, in the County of *Stirling*, and of such Portions of other Parishes in the said Counties as are attached to the Counties of *Clackmannan* and *Kinross* for Electoral Purposes, &c.

(*Mr. Adam.*)

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RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 2 December 1867—for,

“AN AMENDED RETURN relative to ELECTORAL STATISTICS (SCOTLAND), (Parliamentary Paper, No. 336, of Session 1867), by adding to the Counties of *Clackmannan* and *Kinross* the Population, &c. of the Parishes of *Tulliallan*, *Culross*, and *Muchbart*, in the County of *Perth*, and of the Parish of *Alva*, in the County of *Stirling*, and of such Portions of other Parishes in the said Counties as are attached to the Counties of *Clackmannan* and *Kinross* for Electoral Purposes, and to deduct the Population, &c. of the above Parishes or Portions of Parishes from the Population, &c. of the Counties of *Perth* and *Stirling* respectively.”

| 1.                                                                                                         | 2.                                                                                                                                                                          | 3.     | 4.                                 | 5.        | 6.        | 7.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 8.                                                                                                                                                                      | 9.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 10.       | 11.       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Population<br>(as in Return,<br>No. 336,<br>of Parliamentary<br>Papers,<br>Session 1867,<br>page 2), viz.: | Population of Parishes and Portions of Parishes in<br>Perthshire and Stirlingshire<br>attached to the Counties of Clackmannan and Kinross,<br>for Electoral Purposes, viz.: |        | Columns 2 and 3<br>added together. | Increase. | Decrease. | Population of<br>Perthshire, after<br>deducting<br>Tulliallan, Culross,<br>Muchbart, Fossaway<br>and<br>Logiebole, and Logie,<br>from Population<br>of said Shire,<br>as appearing in said<br>Return, No. 336,<br>page 2. | Population of<br>Stirlingshire, after<br>deducting<br>Parish of Alva from<br>Population<br>of said Shire, as the<br>same appears in<br>said Return, No. 336,<br>page 2. | Number of Electors<br>in Clackmannan and<br>Kinross-shires,<br>together with that Part of<br>Perthshire<br>which constitutes<br>the Parishes of Tulliallan,<br>Culross, and Muchbart,<br>and the<br>Parishes of Logie<br>and Fossaway, and that<br>Part of the Shire of Stirling<br>which constitutes<br>the Parish of Alva, viz.: | Increase. | Decrease. |
| 1851.                                                                                                      | 1861.                                                                                                                                                                       | 1851.  | 1861.                              | 1851.     | 1861.     | 1851.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1861.                                                                                                                                                                   | 1846.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1865.     |           |
| I. PERTHSHIRE:                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                             |        |                                    |           |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |           |           |
| (1.) Tulliallan                                                                                            | -                                                                                                                                                                           | -      | 3,043                              | 2,410     | -         | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | -                                                                                                                                                                       | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | -         | -         |
| (2.) Culross                                                                                               | -                                                                                                                                                                           | -      | 1,487                              | 1,423     | -         | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | -                                                                                                                                                                       | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | -         | -         |
| (3.) Muchbart                                                                                              | -                                                                                                                                                                           | -      | 685                                | 615       | -         | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | -                                                                                                                                                                       | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | -         | -         |
| (4.) Fossaway and Tulliebole                                                                               | -                                                                                                                                                                           | -      | 831                                | 933       | -         | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | -                                                                                                                                                                       | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | -         | -         |
| (5.) Logie                                                                                                 | -                                                                                                                                                                           | -      | 270                                | 292       | -         | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | -                                                                                                                                                                       | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | -         | -         |
| II. STIRLINGSHIRE:                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                             |        |                                    |           |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |           |           |
| Alva                                                                                                       | -                                                                                                                                                                           | -      | 3,204                              | 3,283     | -         | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | -                                                                                                                                                                       | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | -         | -         |
| Clackmannan and Kinross.                                                                                   | 31,875                                                                                                                                                                      | 29,427 | 9,620                              | 8,956     | -         | 3,112                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 107,804                                                                                                                                                                 | 102,060                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 61,444    | 65,996    |
|                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                             |        | 41,495                             | 38,383    | -         | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | -                                                                                                                                                                       | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1,411     | 1,160     |
|                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                             |        | -                                  | -         | -         | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | -                                                                                                                                                                       | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | -         | 251       |

The Register of Voters for Stirlingshire included in the year 1846, under the parish of Alva, five freeholders who had been transferred from the freeholders roll of 1831. The Register of 1865 contains three of these five freeholders.

## OCCUPIERS (SCOTLAND).

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RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 18 February 1868;—for,

“RETURN from each PARISH in the several COUNTIES of *East Lothian, Mid Lothian, Lanark, Renfrew, Ayr, Aberdeen, and Fife*, showing, in Tabular Form, the DEDUCTIONS allowed by PAROCHIAL BOARDS to the several Classes of OCCUPIERS of LANDS, MINERALS, DWELLING HOUSES, PUBLIC WORKS, and RAILWAYS, and showing the GROSS RENT which, subject to such Deductions, is required in order to give to each Class of Occupiers a Clear Rent of £. 12 Rated for Poor's Assessment.”

(*Mr. Ellice.*)

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Return from each Parish in the several Counties of *East Lothian, Mid-Lothian, Lanark, &c.*, showing the Deductions allowed by Parochial Boards, &c.—*continued.*

| COUNTY AND PARISH.       | Deductions from Gross Valuation allowed by Parochial Board in Terms of Section 37 of 8th & 9th Victoria, Cap. 83, to Occupiers of |               |                  |               |               |   | Gross Rent which, subject to such Deductions, is required in order to give to each Class of Occupiers a clear Rent of £.12, Rated for Poor Assessment; viz.: |           |                  |               |           |   | REMARKS.                                                              |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|-----------|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                          | Lands.                                                                                                                            | Minerals.     | Dwelling Houses. | Public Works. | Railways.     |   | Lands.                                                                                                                                                       | Minerals. | Dwelling Houses. | Public Works. | Railways. |   |                                                                       |
|                          | £. s. d.                                                                                                                          | £. s. d.      | £. s. d.         | £. s. d.      | £. s. d.      |   | £. s. d.                                                                                                                                                     | £. s. d.  | £. s. d.         | £. s. d.      | £. s. d.  |   |                                                                       |
| <b>LANARK—continued.</b> |                                                                                                                                   |               |                  |               |               |   |                                                                                                                                                              |           |                  |               |           |   |                                                                       |
| Dalserf                  | -                                                                                                                                 | -             | -                | -             | 25 per cent.  | - | 12 -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 -      | 12 -             | -             | -         | - | Unassessed.                                                           |
| Dalziel                  | -                                                                                                                                 | 25 per cent.  | 15 per cent.     | 15 per cent.  | 25 per cent.  | - | 13 6 8                                                                                                                                                       | 16 -      | 14 2 6           | 14 2 6        | -         | - | Unassessed.                                                           |
| Dolphington              | -                                                                                                                                 | -             | -                | -             | -             | - | 12 -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 -      | 12 -             | -             | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Douglas                  | -                                                                                                                                 | -             | -                | -             | -             | - | 15 -                                                                                                                                                         | 15 -      | 15 -             | -             | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Dunsyre                  | -                                                                                                                                 | -             | -                | -             | 25 per cent.  | - | 13 6 8                                                                                                                                                       | 14 2 6    | 13 6 8           | 13 6 8        | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Glasgow                  | 20 per cent.                                                                                                                      | 20 per cent.  | 20 per cent.     | 20 per cent.  | 25 per cent.  | - | 12 19 6                                                                                                                                                      | 13 15 -   | 13 15 -          | 13 15 -       | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Glasford                 | 10 per cent.                                                                                                                      | 15 per cent.  | 15 per cent.     | 15 per cent.  | 25 per cent.  | - | 14 2 6                                                                                                                                                       | 15 -      | 15 -             | 15 -          | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Gorbals                  | no lands                                                                                                                          | no minerals   | 10 per cent.     | 10 per cent.  | no railway    | - | 12 19 6                                                                                                                                                      | 13 15 -   | 13 15 -          | 13 15 -       | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Govan                    | 7½ per cent.                                                                                                                      | 12½ per cent. | 12½ per cent.    | 12½ per cent. | 12½ per cent. | - | 12 19 6                                                                                                                                                      | 13 15 -   | 13 15 -          | 13 15 -       | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Hamilton                 | 15 per cent.                                                                                                                      | 20 per cent.  | 20 per cent.     | 20 per cent.  | 27½ per cent. | - | 12 19 6                                                                                                                                                      | 13 15 -   | 13 15 -          | 13 15 -       | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Kilbride, East           | 12½ per cent.                                                                                                                     | 20 per cent.  | 20 per cent.     | 20 per cent.  | 20 per cent.  | - | 12 19 6                                                                                                                                                      | 13 15 -   | 13 15 -          | 13 15 -       | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Lanark                   | -                                                                                                                                 | -             | -                | -             | -             | - | 12 19 6                                                                                                                                                      | 13 15 -   | 13 15 -          | 13 15 -       | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Lesmahagow               | 15 per cent.                                                                                                                      | 15 per cent.  | 15 per cent.     | 15 per cent.  | 31 per cent.  | - | 12 19 6                                                                                                                                                      | 13 15 -   | 13 15 -          | 13 15 -       | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Liberton                 | -                                                                                                                                 | no minerals   | -                | no works      | no railway    | - | 12 19 6                                                                                                                                                      | 13 15 -   | 13 15 -          | 13 15 -       | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Monkland, New            | 10 per cent.                                                                                                                      | 10 per cent.  | 10 per cent.     | 10 per cent.  | 25 per cent.  | - | 12 19 6                                                                                                                                                      | 13 15 -   | 13 15 -          | 13 15 -       | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Monkland, Old            | 10 per cent.                                                                                                                      | 10 per cent.  | 10 per cent.     | 10 per cent.  | 25 per cent.  | - | 12 19 6                                                                                                                                                      | 13 15 -   | 13 15 -          | 13 15 -       | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Pittenain                | -                                                                                                                                 | -             | -                | -             | 25 per cent.  | - | 12 19 6                                                                                                                                                      | 13 15 -   | 13 15 -          | 13 15 -       | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Rutherglen               | -                                                                                                                                 | -             | -                | -             | -             | - | 12 19 6                                                                                                                                                      | 13 15 -   | 13 15 -          | 13 15 -       | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Shotts                   | 10 per cent.                                                                                                                      | 15 per cent.  | 15 per cent.     | 15 per cent.  | -             | - | 12 19 6                                                                                                                                                      | 13 15 -   | 13 15 -          | 13 15 -       | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Stonehouse               | 10 per cent.                                                                                                                      | 10 per cent.  | 15 per cent.     | 15 per cent.  | 25 per cent.  | - | 12 19 6                                                                                                                                                      | 13 15 -   | 13 15 -          | 13 15 -       | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Symington                | -                                                                                                                                 | -             | -                | -             | -             | - | 12 19 6                                                                                                                                                      | 13 15 -   | 13 15 -          | 13 15 -       | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Wandell, &c.             | -                                                                                                                                 | no minerals   | -                | no works      | 25 per cent.  | - | 12 19 6                                                                                                                                                      | 13 15 -   | 13 15 -          | 13 15 -       | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Walston                  | -                                                                                                                                 | -             | -                | -             | 25 per cent.  | - | 12 19 6                                                                                                                                                      | 13 15 -   | 13 15 -          | 13 15 -       | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Wiston, &c.              | -                                                                                                                                 | -             | -                | -             | 25 per cent.  | - | 12 19 6                                                                                                                                                      | 13 15 -   | 13 15 -          | 13 15 -       | -         | - |                                                                       |
| <b>RENFREW:</b>          |                                                                                                                                   |               |                  |               |               |   |                                                                                                                                                              |           |                  |               |           |   |                                                                       |
| Abbey                    | 12½ per cent.                                                                                                                     | 20 per cent.  | 20 per cent.     | 20 per cent.  | 20 per cent.  | - | 13 15 -                                                                                                                                                      | 15 -      | 15 -             | 15 -          | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Cathcart                 | -                                                                                                                                 | -             | 10 per cent.     | -             | 40 per cent.  | - | 12 -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 -      | 12 -             | 12 -          | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Eaglesham                | -                                                                                                                                 | -             | 20 per cent.     | 20 per cent.  | no railway    | - | 12 -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 -      | 12 -             | 12 -          | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Eastwood                 | -                                                                                                                                 | -             | -                | -             | -             | - | 12 -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 -      | 12 -             | 12 -          | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Erskine                  | -                                                                                                                                 | -             | -                | -             | 25 per cent.  | - | 12 -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 -      | 12 -             | 12 -          | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Greenock                 | -                                                                                                                                 | -             | -                | -             | -             | - | 12 -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 -      | 12 -             | 12 -          | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Houston                  | 12½ per cent.                                                                                                                     | -             | 25 per cent.     | 25 per cent.  | -             | - | 13 15 -                                                                                                                                                      | -         | 16 -             | 16 -          | -         | - | Established usage.                                                    |
| Inchinnan                | -                                                                                                                                 | -             | -                | -             | -             | - | 12 -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 -      | 12 -             | 12 -          | -         | - | Unassessed.                                                           |
| Innerkip, &c.            | -                                                                                                                                 | 20 per cent.  | 20 per cent.     | 20 per cent.  | 30 per cent.  | - | 12 -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 -      | 12 -             | 12 -          | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Kilbarchan               | 12½ per cent.                                                                                                                     | 20 per cent.  | 20 per cent.     | 20 per cent.  | 20 per cent.  | - | 13 15 -                                                                                                                                                      | 15 -      | 15 -             | 15 -          | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Kilmacolm                | -                                                                                                                                 | 25 per cent.  | 25 per cent.     | 25 per cent.  | 25 per cent.  | - | 13 15 -                                                                                                                                                      | 16 -      | 16 -             | 16 -          | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Lochwinnoch              | 12½ per cent.                                                                                                                     | -             | -                | -             | no railway    | - | 12 -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 -      | 12 -             | 12 -          | -         | - | 15 per cent. allowed Glasgow Water Commissioners on their reservoirs. |
| Mearns                   | -                                                                                                                                 | -             | -                | -             | -             | - | 12 -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 -      | 12 -             | 12 -          | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Neilsen                  | 12½ per cent.                                                                                                                     | 20 per cent.  | 20 per cent.     | 20 per cent.  | 28 per cent.  | - | 13 15 -                                                                                                                                                      | 15 -      | 15 -             | 15 -          | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Paisley                  | 12½ per cent.                                                                                                                     | no minerals   | 15 per cent.     | 15 per cent.  | 25 per cent.  | - | 12 -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 -      | 12 -             | 12 -          | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Port Glasgow             | -                                                                                                                                 | -             | -                | -             | 25 per cent.  | - | 12 -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 -      | 12 -             | 12 -          | -         | - |                                                                       |
| Renfrew                  | -                                                                                                                                 | -             | -                | -             | -             | - | 12 -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 -      | 12 -             | 12 -          | -         | - | Harbours, 20 per cent.                                                |

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Return from each Parish in the several Counties of *East Lothian, Mid-Lothian, Lanark, &c.*, showing the Deductions allowed by Parochial Boards, &c.—*continued.*

| COUNTY and PARISH.    | Deductions from Gross Valuation allowed by Parochial Board in Terms of Section 37 of 8th and 9th Victoria, Cap. 83, to Occupiers of |               |                  |               |              |         | Gross Rent, which, subject to such Deductions, is required in order to give to each Class of Occupiers a clear Rent of £. 12, Rated for Poor Assessment; viz.: |                  |               |           |          |  | REMARKS.                                                                 |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|--|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                       | Lands.                                                                                                                              | Minerals.     | Dwelling Houses. | Public Works. | Railways.    | Lands.  | Minerals.                                                                                                                                                      | Dwelling Houses. | Public Works. | Railways. |          |  |                                                                          |
| <i>AYR—continued.</i> |                                                                                                                                     |               |                  |               |              |         |                                                                                                                                                                |                  |               |           |          |  |                                                                          |
| Muirkirk -            | 10 per cent.                                                                                                                        | 10 per cent.  | 10 per cent.     | 10 per cent.  | 25 per cent. | 13 6 8  | 13 6 8                                                                                                                                                         | 13 6 8           | 13 6 8        | £. s. d.  | £. s. d. |  |                                                                          |
| Newton-on-Ayr -       | 20 per cent.                                                                                                                        | 20 per cent.  | 20 per cent.     | 20 per cent.  | 20 per cent. | 15 - -  | 15 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 15 - -           | 15 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Ochiltree -           | 10 per cent.                                                                                                                        | 10 per cent.  | 15 per cent.     | 25 per cent.  | 25 per cent. | 13 6 8  | 13 6 8                                                                                                                                                         | 14 2 6           | 16 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Riccarton -           | 10 per cent.                                                                                                                        | 10 per cent.  | 25 per cent.     | no works      | 25 per cent. | 13 6 8  | 13 6 8                                                                                                                                                         | 13 15 -          | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| St. Quivox -          | 2½ per cent.                                                                                                                        | no minerals   | 12½ per cent.    | - - -         | 17 per cent. | 12 6 2  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 13 15 -          | 16 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Sorn -                | - - -                                                                                                                               | - - -         | - - -            | - - -         | - - -        | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Stair -               | 10 per cent.                                                                                                                        | 15 per cent.  | 15 per cent.     | - - -         | 15 per cent. | 13 6 8  | 14 2 6                                                                                                                                                         | 14 2 6           | 15 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Stevenson -           | 10 per cent.                                                                                                                        | 20 per cent.  | 20 per cent.     | 20 per cent.  | 20 per cent. | 13 6 8  | 13 6 8                                                                                                                                                         | 15 - -           | 16 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  | Gas and Water Companies, 6½ per cent.                                    |
| Stewarton -           | 10 per cent.                                                                                                                        | 10 per cent.  | 25 per cent.     | 25 per cent.  | - - -        | 13 6 8  | 13 6 8                                                                                                                                                         | 16 - -           | 16 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Straiton -            | - - -                                                                                                                               | - - -         | - - -            | - - -         | - - -        | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  | Unassessed.                                                              |
| Synington -           | - - -                                                                                                                               | 12½ per cent. | 12½ per cent.    | 12½ per cent. | no railway   | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Tarbolton -           | 12½ per cent.                                                                                                                       | 12½ per cent. | 12½ per cent.    | 12½ per cent. | 25 per cent. | 13 15 - | 13 15 -                                                                                                                                                        | 13 15 -          | 13 15 -       | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| <i>ABERDEEN:</i>      |                                                                                                                                     |               |                  |               |              |         |                                                                                                                                                                |                  |               |           |          |  |                                                                          |
| Aberdeen -            | 12½ per cent.                                                                                                                       | 12½ per cent. | 12½ per cent.    | 12½ per cent. | 25 per cent. | 13 15 - | 13 15 -                                                                                                                                                        | 13 15 -          | 13 15 -       | - - -     | - - -    |  | Unassessed.                                                              |
| Aberdour -            | - - -                                                                                                                               | - - -         | - - -            | - - -         | - - -        | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Aboyne -              | - - -                                                                                                                               | - - -         | - - -            | - - -         | 40 per cent. | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Alford -              | - - -                                                                                                                               | - - -         | - - -            | - - -         | - - -        | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Auchindoir -          | - - -                                                                                                                               | - - -         | - - -            | no works      | - - -        | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Achieless -           | - - -                                                                                                                               | no minerals   | - - -            | - - -         | - - -        | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Balhelvie -           | - - -                                                                                                                               | - - -         | - - -            | - - -         | - - -        | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Blise -               | - - -                                                                                                                               | - - -         | - - -            | - - -         | - - -        | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Bourtie -             | - - -                                                                                                                               | - - -         | - - -            | - - -         | - - -        | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Cairnie -             | - - -                                                                                                                               | - - -         | - - -            | - - -         | - - -        | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  | Unassessed.                                                              |
| Chapel Garioch -      | - - -                                                                                                                               | no minerals   | - - -            | no works      | 40 per cent. | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Clatt -               | - - -                                                                                                                               | no minerals   | - - -            | no works      | no railway   | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Cluny -               | - - -                                                                                                                               | - - -         | - - -            | - - -         | - - -        | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Coull -               | - - -                                                                                                                               | no minerals   | - - -            | no works      | no railway   | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Crathie, &c. -        | - - -                                                                                                                               | - - -         | - - -            | - - -         | - - -        | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Crimond -             | - - -                                                                                                                               | - - -         | - - -            | - - -         | - - -        | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Cruden -              | - - -                                                                                                                               | - - -         | - - -            | - - -         | - - -        | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Culsamond -           | - - -                                                                                                                               | - - -         | - - -            | - - -         | - - -        | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Daviot -              | - - -                                                                                                                               | - - -         | - - -            | - - -         | - - -        | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Deer, New -           | - - -                                                                                                                               | - - -         | - - -            | - - -         | - - -        | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  | Unassessed.                                                              |
| Deer, Old -           | - - -                                                                                                                               | - - -         | - - -            | - - -         | - - -        | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  | Unassessed.                                                              |
| Drumblade -           | 10 per cent.                                                                                                                        | no minerals   | 20 per cent.     | no works      | 25 per cent. | 13 6 8  | 13 6 8                                                                                                                                                         | 15 - -           | 15 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  | Occupiers get no deduction, but charged a less rate per £.               |
| Drumoak -             | - - -                                                                                                                               | - - -         | - - -            | - - -         | - - -        | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  | Unassessed.                                                              |
| Dyce -                | - - -                                                                                                                               | - - -         | - - -            | - - -         | - - -        | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  | Unassessed.                                                              |
| <i>ECHT:</i>          |                                                                                                                                     |               |                  |               |              |         |                                                                                                                                                                |                  |               |           |          |  |                                                                          |
| Echt -                | - - -                                                                                                                               | - - -         | - - -            | - - -         | - - -        | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  | Railway Company's claim for 25 per cent. deduction, under consideration. |
| Ellon -               | 10 per cent.                                                                                                                        | 20 per cent.  | 20 per cent.     | 20 per cent.  | 20 per cent. | 13 6 8  | 15 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 15 - -           | 15 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  | Unassessed.                                                              |
| Fintray -             | - - -                                                                                                                               | - - -         | - - -            | - - -         | 20 per cent. | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Forgue -              | - - -                                                                                                                               | - - -         | - - -            | - - -         | - - -        | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |
| Foveran -             | - - -                                                                                                                               | - - -         | - - -            | - - -         | 25 per cent. | 12 - -  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | - - -     | - - -    |  |                                                                          |

| Fraserburgh      | 15 per cent. | 15 per cent. | 15 per cent. | 15 per cent. | Harbours and<br>Dues, 25 per<br>cent.; other<br>public works,<br>15 per cent. | 25 per cent.                        | - | 14 | 2  | 6  | 14 | 2  | 6 | 14 | 2  | 6  | {16<br>14 2 6} | --    |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|----|----|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|----------------|-------|
| Fyvie            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 25 per cent.                        | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Gartly           | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 25 per cent.                        | - | 12 | -  | -  | 12 | -  | - | 13 | 6  | 8  | 12             | -     |
| Glass            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | no railway                          | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | -  | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Glenbucket       | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | no railway                          | - | 12 | -  | -  | 12 | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | 12             | -     |
| Glenmuick        | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | -                                   | - | 12 | -  | -  | 12 | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | 12             | -     |
| Huntly           | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | -                                   | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | 12             | -     |
| Inch             | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 25 per cent.                        | - | 12 | 19 | 6  | 12 | 19 | 6 | 14 | 2  | 6  | 14             | 2 6   |
| Inverury         | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 25 per cent.                        | - | 12 | 19 | 6  | -  | -  | - | 15 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Keig             | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 25 per cent.                        | - | 12 | -  | -  | 12 | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Keithball, &c.   | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | -                                   | - | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | -  | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Kernay           | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 25 per cent.                        | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Kildrumny        | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | -                                   | - | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | -  | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Kinardine O'Neil | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 25 per cent.                        | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 13 | 15 | -  | -              | -     |
| King Edward      | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 25 per cent.                        | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Kinnellar        | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | -                                   | - | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | -  | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Kinnethmont      | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 25 per cent.                        | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Kintore          | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | Various; last year,<br>25 per cent. | - | 13 | 6  | 8  | -  | -  | - | 15 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Leochel-Cushnie  | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | -                                   | - | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | -  | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Leslie           | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | -                                   | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Logie-Buchan     | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 25 per cent.                        | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Logie-Goldstone  | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | no railway                          | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Longside         | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 25 per cent.                        | - | 12 | -  | -  | 12 | -  | - | 15 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Lomnay           | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 25 per cent.                        | - | 12 | -  | -  | 12 | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Lumphannan       | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 25 per cent.                        | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Machar, New      | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 25 per cent.                        | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 15 | 2  | -  | -              | -     |
| Machar, Old      | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 25 per cent.                        | - | 12 | 19 | 6  | -  | -  | - | 13 | 15 | -  | -              | -     |
| Meldrum          | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 25 per cent.                        | - | 12 | -  | -  | 12 | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | 12             | -     |
| Methic           | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | -                                   | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Midmar           | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | no railway                          | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Monquhitter      | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | no works                            | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Monymusk         | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 20 per cent.                        | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Newhills         | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 25 per cent.                        | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Oyne             | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 25 per cent.                        | - | 12 | 6  | 8  | -  | -  | - | 13 | 6  | 8  | -              | -     |
| Peterculter      | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 20 per cent.                        | - | 12 | 19 | 6  | -  | -  | - | 15 | -  | -  | 15             | -     |
| Peterhead        | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | -                                   | - | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | -  | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Pitligo          | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | -                                   | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Premnay          | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 20 per cent.                        | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Rathen           | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 25 per cent.                        | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Rayne            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | -                                   | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Rhynie           | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | -                                   | - | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | -  | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Skene            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | -                                   | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Slains           | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | no railway                          | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 13 | 15 | -  | -              | -     |
| Strathdon        | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | no railway                          | - | 12 | 12 | 7½ | -  | -  | - | 12 | 12 | 7½ | 12             | 12 7½ |
| Strichen         | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | -                                   | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Tarland, &c.     | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 25 per cent.                        | - | 14 | 2  | 6  | -  | -  | - | 14 | 2  | 6  | -              | -     |
| Tarves           | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | -                                   | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Tough            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | no railway                          | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Towie            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 40 per cent.                        | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Tullynessie      | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | -                                   | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Turrit           | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 25 per cent.                        | - | 12 | 19 | 6  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Tyrie            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | -                                   | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |
| Udny             | -            | -            | -            | -            | -                                                                             | 25 per cent.                        | - | 12 | -  | -  | -  | -  | - | 12 | -  | -  | -              | -     |

Wholly landward; land only  
is assessed for the poor.

Unassessed.

Unassessed.

Unassessed.

Unassessed.

No minerals assessed.

Established usage.

Unassessed.

RETURN RELATING TO OCCUPIERS (SCOTLAND).

| COUNTY AND PARISH. | Deductions From Gross Valuation allowed by Parochial Board in Terms of Section 37 of 8th & 9th Victoria, Cap. 83, to Occupiers of |              |                  |               |                                                                                                                               | Gross Rent which, subject to such Deductions, is required in order to give to each Class of Occupiers a clear Rent of £. 12, Rated for Poor Assessment; viz. : |           |                  |               |           | REMARKS.    |  |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|--|
|                    | Lands.                                                                                                                            | Minerals.    | Dwelling Houses. | Public Works. | Railways.                                                                                                                     | Lands.                                                                                                                                                         | Minerals. | Dwelling Houses. | Public Works. | Railways. |             |  |
| FIFE:              |                                                                                                                                   |              |                  |               |                                                                                                                               | £. s. d.                                                                                                                                                       | £. s. d.  | £. s. d.         | £. s. d.      | £. s. d.  |             |  |
| Abbotshall -       | -                                                                                                                                 | -            | 20 per cent.     | 20 per cent.  | 30 per cent.                                                                                                                  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | -         | 15 - -           | 15 - -        | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Abdie -            | -                                                                                                                                 | -            | -                | -             | not yet settled                                                                                                               | 13 6 8                                                                                                                                                         | 13 6 8    | 13 6 8           | -             | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Aberdour -         | 10 per cent.                                                                                                                      | 10 per cent. | 10 per cent.     | -             | -                                                                                                                             | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | -         | 12 - -           | -             | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Anstruther, East - | -                                                                                                                                 | -            | -                | -             | -                                                                                                                             | -                                                                                                                                                              | -         | -                | -             | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Anstruther, West - | -                                                                                                                                 | -            | -                | -             | -                                                                                                                             | -                                                                                                                                                              | -         | -                | -             | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Angask -           | -                                                                                                                                 | -            | -                | -             | -                                                                                                                             | -                                                                                                                                                              | -         | -                | -             | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Auchterderran -    | 10 per cent.                                                                                                                      | 10 per cent. | 10 per cent.     | 10 per cent.  | 35 per cent.                                                                                                                  | 13 6 8                                                                                                                                                         | 13 6 8    | 13 6 8           | 13 6 8        | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Auchtermuchty -    | 12 per cent.                                                                                                                      | -            | 10 per cent.     | -             | 32½ per cent.                                                                                                                 | 13 13 -                                                                                                                                                        | -         | 13 6 8           | -             | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Auchtertool -      | -                                                                                                                                 | -            | -                | -             | 25 per cent.                                                                                                                  | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | -         | 12 - -           | -             | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Ballingry -        | 10 per cent.                                                                                                                      | 30 per cent. | 10 per cent.     | 30 per cent.  | 30 per cent.                                                                                                                  | 13 6 8                                                                                                                                                         | 17 3 4    | 13 6 8           | 17 3 4        | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Balmerino -        | -                                                                                                                                 | 20 per cent. | -                | 20 per cent.  | -                                                                                                                             | 15 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 15 - -    | 15 - -           | 15 - -        | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Bath -             | 20 per cent.                                                                                                                      | -            | 20 per cent.     | -             | -                                                                                                                             | -                                                                                                                                                              | -         | -                | -             | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Baratisland -      | -                                                                                                                                 | -            | -                | -             | 40 per cent. on millage, station, house and work-shops; 25 per cent. on wharf and pier, and 20 per cent. on surplus property. | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -    | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Cameron -          | -                                                                                                                                 | -            | -                | -             | -                                                                                                                             | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 12 - -    | 12 - -           | 12 - -        | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Carnbee -          | -                                                                                                                                 | -            | -                | -             | -                                                                                                                             | 12 - -                                                                                                                                                         | -         | 12 - -           | -             | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Carnock -          | -                                                                                                                                 | -            | -                | -             | -                                                                                                                             | -                                                                                                                                                              | -         | -                | -             | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Ceres -            | 10 per cent.                                                                                                                      | 10 per cent. | 20 per cent.     | 20 per cent.  | no railway                                                                                                                    | 13 6 8                                                                                                                                                         | 13 6 8    | 15 - -           | 15 - -        | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Collessie -        | -                                                                                                                                 | -            | -                | -             | -                                                                                                                             | -                                                                                                                                                              | -         | -                | -             | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Crail -            | 20 per cent.                                                                                                                      | 20 per cent. | 20 per cent.     | 20 per cent.  | no railway                                                                                                                    | 15 - -                                                                                                                                                         | 15 - -    | 15 - -           | 15 - -        | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Creich -           | -                                                                                                                                 | -            | -                | -             | -                                                                                                                             | -                                                                                                                                                              | -         | -                | -             | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Cults -            | 10 per cent.                                                                                                                      | 10 per cent. | 20 per cent.     | 10 per cent.  | 25 per cent.                                                                                                                  | 13 6 8                                                                                                                                                         | 13 6 8    | 15 - -           | 13 6 8        | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Cupar -            | 10 per cent.                                                                                                                      | no minerals  | 20 per cent.     | 20 per cent.  | 40 per cent.                                                                                                                  | 13 6 8                                                                                                                                                         | 15 - -    | 15 - -           | 15 - -        | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Dairsie -          | 10 per cent.                                                                                                                      | no minerals  | 20 per cent.     | 20 per cent.  | 40 per cent.                                                                                                                  | 13 6 8                                                                                                                                                         | -         | 15 - -           | 15 - -        | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Dalgely -          | 7½ per cent.                                                                                                                      | 7½ per cent. | 10 per cent.     | 10 per cent.  | 20 per cent.                                                                                                                  | 12 19 6                                                                                                                                                        | 12 19 6   | 13 6 8           | 13 6 8        | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Denno -            | -                                                                                                                                 | -            | -                | -             | -                                                                                                                             | -                                                                                                                                                              | -         | -                | -             | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Dunbog -           | -                                                                                                                                 | -            | -                | -             | -                                                                                                                             | -                                                                                                                                                              | -         | -                | -             | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Dunfermline -      | 10 per cent.                                                                                                                      | 10 per cent. | 25 per cent.     | 25 per cent.  | 40 per cent.                                                                                                                  | 13 6 8                                                                                                                                                         | 13 6 8    | 16 - -           | 16 - -        | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Dysart -           | 5 per cent.                                                                                                                       | 20 per cent. | 20 per cent.     | 20 per cent.  | 40 per cent.                                                                                                                  | 12 12 7½                                                                                                                                                       | 15 - -    | 15 - -           | 15 - -        | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Elie -             | -                                                                                                                                 | -            | -                | -             | -                                                                                                                             | -                                                                                                                                                              | -         | -                | -             | -         | Unassessed. |  |
| Falkland -         | -                                                                                                                                 | -            | -                | -             | -                                                                                                                             | -                                                                                                                                                              | -         | -                | -             | -         | Unassessed. |  |

Law Act have never been distinguished in this parish. From lands 50 per cent. is deducted; from dwelling-houses 20 per cent., and from Public Works and Railways 50 per cent. respectively, which are understood to cover all that occupants could claim and considerably more, and have been so accepted.



RETURN RELATING TO OCCUPIERS (SCOTLAND).

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|                    |   |              |   |              |   |              |   |              |   |          |          |          |          |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|--------------------|---|--------------|---|--------------|---|--------------|---|--------------|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|---|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ferryport-on-Craig | - | 10 per cent. | - | 10 per cent. | - | 10 per cent. | - | 40 per cent. | - | 13 6 8   | -        | 13 6 8   | 13 6 8   | - | Harbour and station 20 p cent.<br>Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Flisk -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -        | -        | -        | -        | - | Forgan.—In this parish the deductions to occupiers are not distinguished. From the valuations, per valuation roll, there are deducted five-eighths from lands, 20 per cent. from dwelling-houses, 40 per cent. from Public Works, and five-eighths from Railways, which are understood to include all legitimate deductions. There are no minerals in parish. |
| Forgan             | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -        | -        | -        | -        | - | By classification; occupiers of lands and minerals are rated on one-fourth of rent.<br>Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Inverkeithing      | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Kemback            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Kennoway           | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Kettle -           | - | 10 per cent. | - | 20 per cent. | - | 35 per cent. | - | 40 per cent. | - | 13 6 8   | 13 6 8   | 15 - -   | 18 9 6   | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Kilconquhar        | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | 40 per cent. | - | -        | -        | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Kilnary            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Kilrenny           | - | 15 per cent. | - | 15 per cent. | - | 15 per cent. | - | -            | - | 14 2 6   | 14 2 6   | 14 2 6   | 14 2 6   | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Kinghorn           | - | 1 per cent.  | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Kinglassie         | - | 10 per cent. | - | 10 per cent. | - | 10 per cent. | - | -            | - | 13 6 8   | 13 6 8   | 13 6 8   | 13 6 8   | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Kingsbarns         | - | 20 per cent. | - | 20 per cent. | - | -            | - | -            | - | 15 - -   | 15 - -   | 15 - -   | 15 - -   | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Kirkcaldy          | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Largo -            | - | 10 per cent. | - | 20 per cent. | - | 20 per cent. | - | -            | - | 13 6 8   | 13 6 8   | 15 - -   | 15 - -   | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Leslie -           | - | 10 per cent. | - | 20 per cent. | - | 20 per cent. | - | -            | - | 13 6 8   | 13 6 8   | 15 - -   | 15 - -   | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Leuchars           | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Logie -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -        | -        | -        | -        | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Markinch           | - | 10 per cent. | - | 20 per cent. | - | 20 per cent. | - | -            | - | 13 6 8   | 13 6 8   | 15 - -   | 15 - -   | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Monineil           | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -        | -        | -        | -        | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Moonzie            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -        | -        | -        | -        | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Newburgh           | - | 10 per cent. | - | 10 per cent. | - | 10 per cent. | - | -            | - | 13 6 8   | 13 6 8   | 13 6 8   | 13 6 8   | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Newburn            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Pittenweem         | - | 5 per cent.  | - | 5 per cent.  | - | 5 per cent.  | - | -            | - | 12 12 7½ | 12 12 7½ | 12 12 7½ | 12 12 7½ | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| St. Andrew's       | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| St. Leonard's      | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| St Monance         | - | 10 per cent. | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | 13 6 8   | 13 6 8   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Saline -           | - | 5 per cent.  | - | 5 per cent.  | - | 5 per cent.  | - | -            | - | 12 12 7½ | 12 12 7½ | 12 12 7½ | 12 12 7½ | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Sroonite           | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Strathmiglo        | - | 10 per cent. | - | 20 per cent. | - | 20 per cent. | - | -            | - | 13 6 8   | 13 6 8   | 15 - -   | 15 - -   | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Torryburn          | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Wemyss             | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | -            | - | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | 12 - -   | - | Unassessed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

The deductions for Railways are sometimes less, as may be agreed on.

Crown Office, Edinburgh, }  
17 April 1868.

T. G. Mundy,  
Crown Agent for Scotland.

## OCCUPIERS (SCOTLAND).

RETURN from each Parish in the several COUNTIES in *East Lothian, Mid Lothian, Lanark, Renfrew, Ayr, Aberdeen, and Fife*, showing the DEDUCTIONS allowed by PAROCHIAL BOARDS to the several Classes of OCCUPIERS of LANDS, MINERALS, DWELLING HOUSES, PUBLIC WORKS, and RAILWAYS, and showing the GROSS RENT which, subject to such Deductions, is required in order to give to each Class of Occupiers a Clear Rent of £.12 Rated for Poor's Assessment.

(*Mr. Ellie.*)

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*Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,  
22 April 1868.*

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POOR RATES (SCOTLAND)  
AND PARLIAMENTARY BURGHS (SCOTLAND).

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RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 2 December 1867;—for,

“AN AMENDED RETURN relative to POOR RATES (SCOTLAND) and PARLIAMENTARY BURGHS (SCOTLAND), (Parliamentary Paper, No. 467, of Session 1867,) by giving the Particulars required by the said Return for so much of the Parish of *Dundee* as is comprised within the Parliamentary Limits of the Royal Burgh of *Dundee*, which have been omitted therefrom, and including in such Amended Return the Particulars already given for *Liff* and *Benvie*.”

(*Sir John Ogilvy.*)

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Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,  
14 February 1868.

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AMENDED RETURN relative to POOR RATES (SCOTLAND) and PARLIAMENTARY BURGHS the said Return for so much of the Parish of *Dundee* as is comprised within the Parliamentary Particulars already given for *Liff* and *Benvie*.

## I.—AS TO POOR RATES

| COUNTY.    | Parliamentary Burgh. | Parish in which Burgh or Part of Burgh situated. | 1.<br>Number of Occupants of Dwelling-houses under £. 10 Rental Assessed for Poor Rates for the Year, from Whitsunday 1865 to Whitsunday 1866. | 2.<br>Number of those included under Query 1 relieved from Poor Rates, on Appeal on account of Poverty. | 3.<br>Number of those included under Query 1, who are Male Inhabitant Occupants, Rated for the Poor, on Dwelling Houses, at the Rent of £. 4 and under £. 10. | 4.<br>Number of those included under Query 1, who are Male Inhabitant Occupants, Rated for the Poor on Dwelling-houses at a Rent under £. 4. | 5.<br>Number of those included under Query 3, who had before 20 July 1866 paid all such Rates. |
|------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Forfar - - | Dundee - -           | Dundee -                                         | 13,586                                                                                                                                         | 660                                                                                                     | 5,054                                                                                                                                                         | 4,786                                                                                                                                        | 4,476                                                                                          |
| Forfar - - | Dundee - -           | Liff and Benvie                                  | 6,909                                                                                                                                          | 1,808                                                                                                   | 1,132                                                                                                                                                         | 3,100                                                                                                                                        | 1,060                                                                                          |
|            |                      |                                                  | 20,495                                                                                                                                         | 2,468                                                                                                   | 6,186                                                                                                                                                         | 7,886                                                                                                                                        | 5,536                                                                                          |

## II.—ELECTORS ON ROLL OF BURGH, with SUMMARY showing RESULTS by adding together the

| County in which Burgh situated. | BURGH.           | Number of Electors on the Roll. | Number of Male Inhabitant Occupants Rated for the Poor on Dwelling-houses at the Rent of £. 4, and under £. 10, who had before 20 July 1866 Paid all such Rates. |
|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                  |                                 | Parish of Liff and Benvie - - - - 1,060                                                                                                                          |
| Forfar - - - - -                | Dundee - - - - - | 3,333                           | Parish of Dundee - - - - - 4,476                                                                                                                                 |
|                                 |                  |                                 | 5,536                                                                                                                                                            |

Edinburgh, }  
16 January 1868. }

(SCOTLAND), (Parliamentary Paper No. 467, of Session 1867,) by giving the Particulars required by Limits of the Royal Burgh of *Dundee*, which have been omitted therefrom, and including the

I.—As to POOR RATES.

| 6.                                                                                                                                                       | 7.                                                                                                                    | 8.                                                                                       | 9.                                                                                                                                                       | 10.                                                                                                                   | 11.                                                                                              | 12.                                                                                                                                  | 13.                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Number of those included under Query 3, who up to 20 July 1866 were Relieved on the ground of Poverty, or because their Rates were deemed Irrecoverable. | Number of those included under Query 3, whose Rates remained unpaid at 20 July 1866, but were considered Recoverable. | Number of those included under Query 4, who had before 20 July 1866 paid all such Rates. | Number of those included under Query 4, who up to 20 July 1866 were Relieved on the ground of Poverty, or because their Rates were deemed Irrecoverable. | Number of those included under Query 4, whose Rates remained unpaid at 20 July 1866, but were considered Recoverable. | Amount of Rental, if any, below which those included in Query 1 are not Assessed for Poor Rates. | Number of those included under Query 1, who are not Assessed for Poor Rates, as being under the Rental stated in answer to Query 11. | Rate per £. Assessed for Relief of Poor within the Parish.                                                                                              |
| 401                                                                                                                                                      | 177                                                                                                                   | 1,079                                                                                    | 3,570                                                                                                                                                    | 137                                                                                                                   | £. s. d.<br>3 - -                                                                                | 5,470                                                                                                                                | s. d.<br>Proprietor - 10½<br>Tenant - - 10 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>16</sub><br>Total - - 21 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>16</sub><br>2 1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> |
| 55                                                                                                                                                       | 17                                                                                                                    | 1,571                                                                                    | 884                                                                                                                                                      | 645                                                                                                                   | - -                                                                                              | - -                                                                                                                                  | 2 1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>                                                                                                                         |
| 456                                                                                                                                                      | 194                                                                                                                   | 2,650                                                                                    | 4,454                                                                                                                                                    | 782                                                                                                                   | - -                                                                                              | 5,470                                                                                                                                | —                                                                                                                                                       |

present NUMBER of ELECTORS and the NUMBERS who paid POOR RATES before 20 July 1866.

| Number of Male Inhabitant Occupants Rated for the Poor on Dwelling-houses at a Rent under £. 4, who had before 20 July 1866 Paid all such Rates. | Total Number of both Classes who have Paid said Rates. | Number of Electors and Number who have Paid said Rates added together. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Parish of Liff and Benvie - - - - 1,571                                                                                                          | Liff and Benvie - - - - - 2,631                        | 11,519                                                                 |
| Parish of Dundee - - - - - 1,079                                                                                                                 | Dundee - - - - - 5,555                                 |                                                                        |
| 2,650                                                                                                                                            | 8,186                                                  |                                                                        |

T. G. Murray,  
Crown Agent for Scotland.

POOR RATES (SCOTLAND)  
AND PARLIAMENTARY BURGHS (SCOTLAND).

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AMENDED RETURN relative to POOR RATES (SCOTLAND) and PARLIAMENTARY BURGHS (SCOTLAND), (Parliamentary Paper No. 467, of Session 1867,) giving the Particulars required by the said Return for so much of the Parish of *Dundee* as is comprised within the Parliamentary Limits of the Royal Burgh of *Dundee*, which have been omitted therefrom, and including the Particulars already given for *Liff* and *Bervie*.

(*Sir John Ogilvy.*)

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ST. ANDREW'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATES.

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RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 16 August 1867;—for,

“RETURN showing the Number of GRADUATES of the UNIVERSITY of St. ANDREW'S who obtained their DEGREES before the 1st day of January 1863, and who are not included under Clause 30 of the REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE (SCOTLAND) BILL; and stating the Number of these, as nearly as can be ascertained, who now reside in *Scotland*, and the Number who reside in *England*, and *Ireland*, and the Colonies.”

(*Mr. McLaren.*)

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## — I. —

RETURN showing the Number of GRADUATES in MEDICINE of the UNIVERSITY of ST. ANDREW'S who obtained their DEGREES, from the Year 1805 (inclusive) to the 1st of January 1863, compiled from the University Register, and their Places of Residence, as given at the Dates at which the Degrees were obtained.

|                              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |       |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| Resident in England          | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,420 |
| „ Scotland                   | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 268   |
| „ Ireland                    | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 167   |
| „ Colonies                   | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 202   |
| Place of residence not given | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 453   |
| TOTAL                        | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,510 |

THE following is the Number of Graduates in each Year:—

|      |   |   |   |    |      |   |   |   |    |       |   |   |   |       |
|------|---|---|---|----|------|---|---|---|----|-------|---|---|---|-------|
| 1805 | - | - | - | 31 | 1825 | - | - | - | 44 | 1845  | - | - | - | 106   |
| 1806 | - | - | - | 26 | 1826 | - | - | - | 0  | 1846  | - | - | - | 51    |
| 1807 | - | - | - | 15 | 1827 | - | - | - | 0  | 1847  | - | - | - | 39    |
| 1808 | - | - | - | 24 | 1828 | - | - | - | 1  | 1848  | - | - | - | 22    |
| 1809 | - | - | - | 22 | 1829 | - | - | - | 1  | 1849  | - | - | - | 30    |
| 1810 | - | - | - | 24 | 1830 | - | - | - | 1  | 1850  | - | - | - | 56    |
| 1811 | - | - | - | 13 | 1831 | - | - | - | 0  | 1851  | - | - | - | 48    |
| 1812 | - | - | - | 27 | 1832 | - | - | - | 0  | 1852  | - | - | - | 65    |
| 1813 | - | - | - | 22 | 1833 | - | - | - | 1  | 1853  | - | - | - | 68    |
| 1814 | - | - | - | 30 | 1834 | - | - | - | 11 | 1854  | - | - | - | 65    |
| 1815 | - | - | - | 21 | 1835 | - | - | - | 14 | 1855  | - | - | - | 53    |
| 1816 | - | - | - | 28 | 1836 | - | - | - | 11 | 1856  | - | - | - | 84    |
| 1817 | - | - | - | 28 | 1837 | - | - | - | 14 | 1857  | - | - | - | 68    |
| 1818 | - | - | - | 35 | 1838 | - | - | - | 23 | 1858  | - | - | - | 73    |
| 1819 | - | - | - | 26 | 1839 | - | - | - | 28 | 1859  | - | - | - | 93    |
| 1820 | - | - | - | 26 | 1840 | - | - | - | 25 | 1860  | - | - | - | 83    |
| 1821 | - | - | - | 16 | 1841 | - | - | - | 21 | 1861  | - | - | - | 107   |
| 1822 | - | - | - | 26 | 1842 | - | - | - | 35 | 1862  | - | - | - | 606   |
| 1823 | - | - | - | 16 | 1843 | - | - | - | 38 |       |   |   |   |       |
| 1824 | - | - | - | 22 | 1844 | - | - | - | 45 | TOTAL | - | - | - | 2,510 |

The University Registers afford no means of ascertaining what number of the above Graduates are now living, or their present places of residence.

## — II. —

RETURN showing the Number of GRADUATES of the UNIVERSITY of ST. ANDREW'S who obtained their DEGREES before the 1st day of January 1863, and who are not included under Clause 30 of the REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE (SCOTLAND) BILL, compiled from the Medical Register for 1867, as published under the direction of the General Council of Medical Education and Registration of the United Kingdom, and according to which the Places of Residence are given, and the Number recorded as being alive in 1867.

|                     |   |   |   |          |   |   |    |       |
|---------------------|---|---|---|----------|---|---|----|-------|
| Resident in England | - | - | - | -        | - | - | -  | 1,001 |
| „ Scotland          | - | - | - | -        | - | - | -  | 126   |
| „ Ireland           | - | - | - | -        | - | - | -  | 85    |
| „ Colonies          | - | - | - | -        | - | - | -  | 130   |
|                     |   |   |   | { Army   | - | - | 62 |       |
|                     |   |   |   | { Navy   | - | - | 27 |       |
|                     |   |   |   | { Abroad | - | - | 41 |       |
| TOTAL               |   |   |   |          |   |   |    | 1,342 |

THE following is the Number of Graduates in each Year :—

|      |   |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |    |       |   |   |   |       |
|------|---|---|---|---|------|---|---|---|----|-------|---|---|---|-------|
| 1805 | - | - | - | 1 | 1837 | - | - | - | 1  | 1851  | - | - | - | 28    |
| 1810 | - | - | - | 1 | 1838 | - | - | - | 8  | 1852  | - | - | - | 44    |
| 1812 | - | - | - | 2 | 1839 | - | - | - | 10 | 1853  | - | - | - | 39    |
| 1814 | - | - | - | 1 | 1840 | - | - | - | 9  | 1854  | - | - | - | 43    |
| 1815 | - | - | - | 1 | 1841 | - | - | - | 11 | 1855  | - | - | - | 33    |
| 1818 | - | - | - | 1 | 1842 | - | - | - | 11 | 1856  | - | - | - | 57    |
| 1820 | - | - | - | 2 | 1843 | - | - | - | 14 | 1857  | - | - | - | 52    |
| 1822 | - | - | - | 1 | 1844 | - | - | - | 25 | 1858  | - | - | - | 61    |
| 1823 | - | - | - | 1 | 1845 | - | - | - | 55 | 1859  | - | - | - | 77    |
| 1825 | - | - | - | 4 | 1846 | - | - | - | 29 | 1860  | - | - | - | 60    |
| 1830 | - | - | - | 1 | 1847 | - | - | - | 25 | 1861  | - | - | - | 85    |
| 1834 | - | - | - | 5 | 1848 | - | - | - | 16 | 1862  | - | - | - | 461   |
| 1835 | - | - | - | 5 | 1849 | - | - | - | 21 | TOTAL |   |   |   | 1,342 |
| 1836 | - | - | - | 4 | 1850 | - | - | - | 37 |       |   |   |   |       |

According to the London and Provincial Medical Directory for 1867, published by John Churchill & Sons, London, 102 of the Graduates, who, in the Medical Register, are enrolled as resident in England, Scotland, and Ireland, are actually resident abroad. On this footing, the numbers given in the above Return, made up from the Medical Register, would be altered as follows:—

|                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |       |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| Resident in England | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 917   |
| „ Scotland          | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 115   |
| „ Ireland           | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 78    |
| „ Colonies, &c.     | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 232   |
| TOTAL               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1,342 |

University of St. Andrew's,  
30 November 1867.

William Troup,  
Registrar of the University.



ST. ANDREW'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATES.

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RETURN showing the Number of GRADUATES of the UNIVERSITY of ST. ANDREW's who obtained their DEGREES before the 1st January 1863, and who are not now included under Clause 30 of the REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE (SCOTLAND) BILL; and stating the Number of these, as nearly as can be ascertained, who now reside in *Scotland*, and the Number who reside in *England*, and *Ireland*, and the Colonies.

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